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THE FAMILY AT HOME. THE COST OF THE SCHOOLS.

[By PATERFAMILIAS.]

This is always rather an unfortunate time of year for a Far Eastern father with a family "at home." The accounts for the last quarter of 1926 have arrived and it is now possible to realise, to the full extent, what an expensive luxury a family is when the bread winner is 10,000 miles away.

Two boys and a girl in England, together with incidental expenses, cost nearly £800 a year. That is not as much as some more wealthy people pay for the privilege of educating three children "at home," but it is very much more than it ought to be.

The local Government appears to have recognised the great hardship that is imposed upon the family man who has children in Great Britain. They have, so it is said, granted a concession that may be called a "family allowance." Cynics might label it a "compassionate allowance."

As far as those of us who are not in the Government service can find out the arrangement is as follows. A Government servant has a sterling salary which is paid to him at a "privileged dollar." In fact he receives twelve dollars to the pound, or rather more than 20 per cent. extra to the number he would receive if he were paid at the rate of today, which is slightly more than two shillings to the dollar. If he has a family at home he can remit a proportion of his salary—perhaps 25 per cent. of it, or more—at a rate which is said to be a dollar for half-a-crown.

That is an immense help for the family at home. It is something to know that the Government of this Colony has acknowledged the justice of the idea of a "family allowance."

A Typical Case.

It is needless, perhaps, to explain that the writer is not a Government servant. He may, therefore, be permitted to express his sympathy with those in the service who have the task of educating a family "at home."

A cadet who reaches the age of about forty seems to receive a salary of £3,000 a year; or, at twelve dollars to the pound, \$3,600 a month. When he has paid his contribution to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and has had his salary reduced for house rent and the use of solid furniture he has left about \$1,070—according to "what they say."

Now let us suppose that he has to educate Tom, Harry and Mary in England. Unless he has a "privileged dollar" for his remittances he cannot do it at less than \$600 a month when the dollar is round about 2/6.

That leaves him about \$400 a month for all expenses for himself and his wife in Hong Kong. It is quite true that many people in this Colony have to live on less. On the other hand they probably have not had the expensive education. Moreover, the "cadet" is a picked man for he is selected as a result of a competitive examination.

The Son's Future.

Any boy should go "home" to England at about the age of eight years if he is to have a fair chance at a public school.

Practical experience with boys at two different preparatory schools in England has taught one father that you cannot obtain healthy surroundings, good sanitation, full diet, proper playing fields and careful teaching at less than £160 a year. The schools selected cost rather more than that. One was semi-officially attached to a well-known public school. The other was on the South Coast of England.

It cost three guineas a week to provide suitable accommodation during the holidays—say another £50 per annum. We have now reached a total of £210. If we add £40 a year for clothes, pocket money, travelling, doctor, dentist and the numerous incidentals that only mother seems able to keep within reasonable limits, we shall be rather optimistic. My own accounts for a boy at a preparatory school show a total that is nearly £300 for 1926. It is true that the school dentist fitted him with some gold plate contraption for his teeth that cost £25 in 1925 and in 1926 it had to be replaced as it fell out during a swim in the sea. That sort of thing seems to happen about once a year.

When it came to selecting a public school for the brother the first enquiries brought answers that were alarming. We did not consider Eton or Harrow. The actual inclusive fee at Eton seems to be £210, but we were informed that the extras bring it to beyond £300 a year. The inclusive fees for Winchester were given as £210. We visited that famous school but decided that it was "too much expense." Charter-house and Rugby are about £210. All of these schools have long waiting lists. They could easily be filled if the fees were doubled.

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BROADCASTING IN RUSSIA.

LOUD-SPEAKERS AT STREET CORNERS.

OPEN AIR CONCERTS.

How broadcasting and telegraphic facilities have been developed in Russia under the Soviet régime was explained by Mr. Smirnov, People's Commissar for Posts and Telegraphs, in an interview at Chesham House, London.

Mr. Smirnov, who has been studying the methods of the British Post Office in company with other members of the Soviet Postal Service, declared that a new 50-kilowatt broadcasting station, with an effective range of 2,000 miles, was at present under construction in Moscow. This station will be completed in about two months' time.

Open-Air Concerts.

"Since the revolution," said Mr. Smirnov, "the need for a closer connection between towns and villages has become more and more urgent and, therefore, the Soviet Government has paid particular attention to the erection of powerful broadcasting stations, and also to the mass production of comparatively cheap receiving sets. In this way the villages are kept in close touch with Moscow, and are enabled to listen to speeches and concerts from the capital. In all the big towns loud-speakers have been erected at the street corners, and even in the winter there is always a crowd listening to the news and to concerts. We have about 60 independent small stations, with a range of 200 miles either constructed or under construction; but even with these and the new Moscow station our needs are not completely satisfied, and we contemplate building an even more powerful station in the near future."

Telephonic development, too, has not been neglected, and, addition to an increase of 40 per cent. in the extent of our telephone lines during the last two years, in 1927 we intend to construct a line from Rostov to Tiflis which will make a connection from Leningrad to Tiflis, a distance of 1,875 miles. A programme has been drawn up for work on the telephonic system for a period of five years, which will cost about £1,600,000, and which we hope will supply the most necessary needs of the population.

"An endeavour to raise the necessary capital internally will be made; but we shall probably require external industrial credits." I have already had some conversations with British firms on this subject, and negotiations are in train, although no orders have yet been placed.

SUGAR FACTORY FOR ILOILO.

The erection of a sugar central at the cost of about P8,000,000 in Iloilo is contemplated by the Lopez brothers, two of the wealthiest planters in the Philippines. No definite plans have been made as yet, as the Iloilo hacenderos are now in Manila looking over the market for the purchase of suitable machinery. It is understood that of the six million pesos, two million will go for the construction of the central and four million for machinery.

Uppingham, Hillybury, Dover, Tanbridge, Wellington and one or two other famous public schools have inclusive fees of from £100 to £180. The writer has visited many of them. They have fine traditions, a splendid record of the "old boys" of the school, and seem to inculcate a peculiar blend of the old Greek and Roman ideal of manhood. In recent years they have become much more efficient as teaching machines. As machines for the mass production of magnificent cricketers, footballers and courageous young men they have what the Americans call "a one hundred per cent. efficiency."

Rather less expensive, but very admirable schools, are Lancing, Hurstpierpoint, St. George's at Canterbury, Dulwich, etc. At Lancing the fees are £136 per annum. At Dulwich College they are £45 a year for a day boy.

The University.

The story is not ended when John or Tom leave school. The Hong Kong "cadet" had the benefit of a University education; it is not surprising that he wants his son to have the same.

"I allow my boy £500 a year while he is at Cambridge," said a local friend a few months ago.

"That includes everything?"

"Absolutely—holidays, clothes, fees, etc. If I let him have more he wouldn't do much work. If he had less he wouldn't 'mix' the full benefit of a 'Varsity education.'"

"Thank you," I said with a sigh. "I am afraid I shall have to ask for an increase of pay, before I can afford that."

The problem of how to equip the children for the great struggle is one that must be discussed some other time. Enough has been written to show that children who have parents in the Far East are expensive. And yet they are very precious—it is something to help a little the new generation.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

February 9th, 1927.	
B. K. Bank	£1,100 nom.
Do. London	£115 nom.
Chartered Bank	£231 nom.
Maroc Bank, A.S.S.	£23 nom.
Do.	£213 nom.
P. & O. Bank	£294 buy.
East Asia Bank	£24 nom.
Canton Insurance	£355 buy.
China Underwriters	£1 sel.
North China Ins.	£145 nom.
Union Insurance	£236 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	£40 nom.
China Fire Insurance	£200 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	£615 buy.
Douglases	£30 buy.
Steamboats	£23 sel.
Hong Kong Tugs	£110 nom.
Indo-China (Fr.)	£30 nom.
Do. (Dol.)	£49 nom.
Shell Transport	£4 nom.
Star Farries	£35 buy.
Waterworks	£14 buy.
China Sugars	£22 sel.
Malayan Sugars	£34 nom.
Benquet	£130 nom.
Kaukon Mining Ad.	30/ nom.
Langkat (combined)	£14 sel.
Do. (single)	£14 sel.
S'hai. Explorations	£14 sel.
Shanghai Loans	£14 sel.
Ranbe	£31 sel.
Trenoh Mines	£1/ buy.
Ural Caspian	£8/ nom.
K. & K. Wharfs	£119 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	£40 nom.
Hongkong	£18 nom.
New Engineering	£11.5 nom.
Shanghai Docks	£11.10 buy.
H.K. & S. Steels	£7.85 buy.
H. K. Lands	£57 buy.
Hong Kong Realty	£51 buy.
I. L. Territorials	£2 sel.
Humphreys Estates	£13.50 buy.
Prince's Buildings	£39 nom.
Rural Lands	£14 nom.
Ewo Cottons	£14 sel.
Oriental	£14 sel.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	£14 nom.
Do. (new)	£14.27 nom.
China Buses	£14.27 buy.
H.K. Tramways	£23 sel.
Peak Trams (old)	£23.50/23.50 sel.
Do. (new)	£15 buy.
Singapore Traction	£13 sel.
Taxis	£1 sel.
Amusements	£17 buy.
Canton Ice	£5 nom.
Comcals (combined)	£8 sel.
Do. (old)	£9 sel.
Do. (new)	£14 nom.
China Light (comb.)	£14 buy. & sa.
Do. (old)	£11 nom.
Do. (new)	£17 buy.
China Providents	£4.25 buy. 4.25/5 sa.
Constructions	£2.10 buy.
Dairy Farms	£16 nom.
Der A Wings	£6 nom.
Hong Kong Electric	£50 buy.
Marine Electric	£35 nom.
H.K. Buses (old)	£10 sel.
Do. (new)	£5 sel.
Lane Crawford	£8 nom.
Mackintosh	£19 nom.
Shoukwa	£94 sel.
United Asbestos	£20 nom.
Wing (old)	£124 buy. 13 sa.
Wm. Powell	£84 nom.
Telephones	£31 buy.
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EXCHANGE.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

February 9th, 1927.	
On LONDON.	
Telegraphic Transfer	2/0
Bank Bills, on demand	2/0 13/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/11
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/10
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2/1
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/1 13/16
On PARIS.	
Bank Bills, on demand	1270
Credit, 4 months' sight	1,345
On NEW YORK.	
Bank Bills, on demand	50 1/2
Credit, at 30 days' sight	51 1/2
On BOMBAY.	
Telegraphic Transfer	137 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	137 1/2
On CALCUTTA.	
Telegraphic Transfer	137 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	137 1/2
On SINGAPORE.	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
On YOKOHAMA.	
On demand	102 1/2
On MANILA.	
On demand	100 1/2
On SINGAPORE.	
On demand	89 1/2
On BATAVIA.	
On demand	125
On HONGKONG.	
On demand	nom.
On SHANGHAI.	
On demand	nom.
On BANGKOK.	
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As a wedding ceremony was about to commence at St. John's Church, Coleford, Gloucestershire, the bride's father, Mr. G. Phelps, a farmer, of Lydbrook (Gloucestershire), rushed into the church, after hurrying there in a motor, and forbade the marriage to proceed.

The parties adjourned to the vestry, where Mr. Phelps explained that his daughter, Ethel, was only nineteen years of age, and that he objected to her marrying the bridegroom, Mr. Ernest Powell, of Lane End, near Coleford. High words ensued between the bridegroom's mother and the father of the bride. Meanwhile the vicar, the Rev. Canon E. H. Brice, attempted to act as peacemaker. On her recovery her father gave his consent to the marriage, which then took place.

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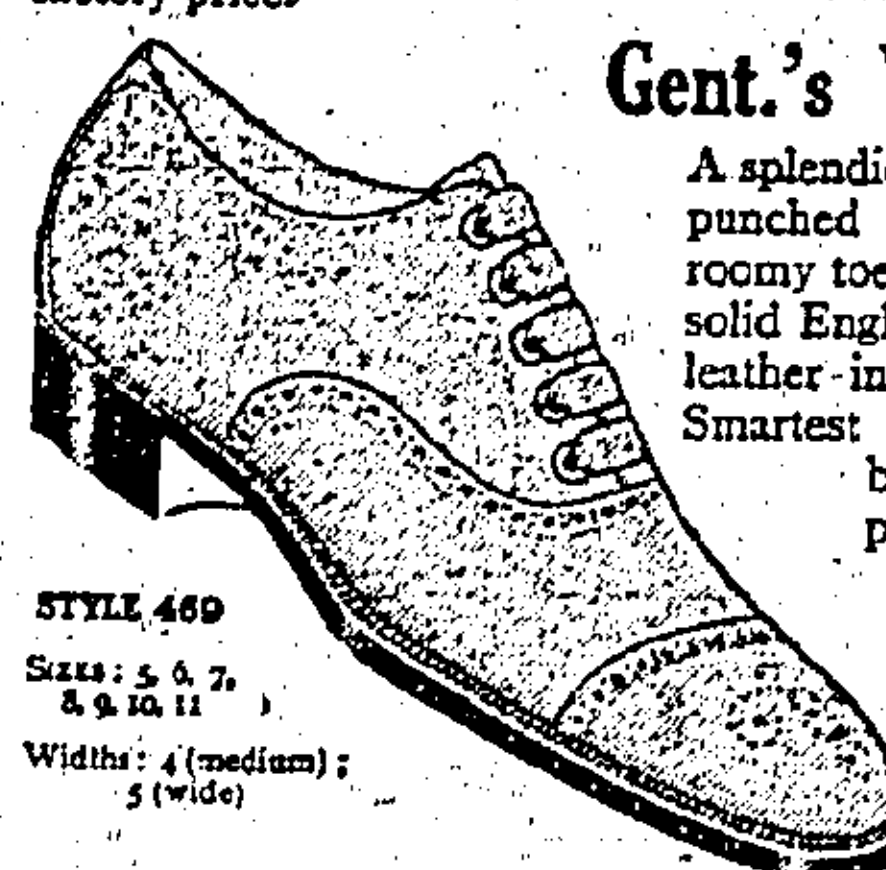
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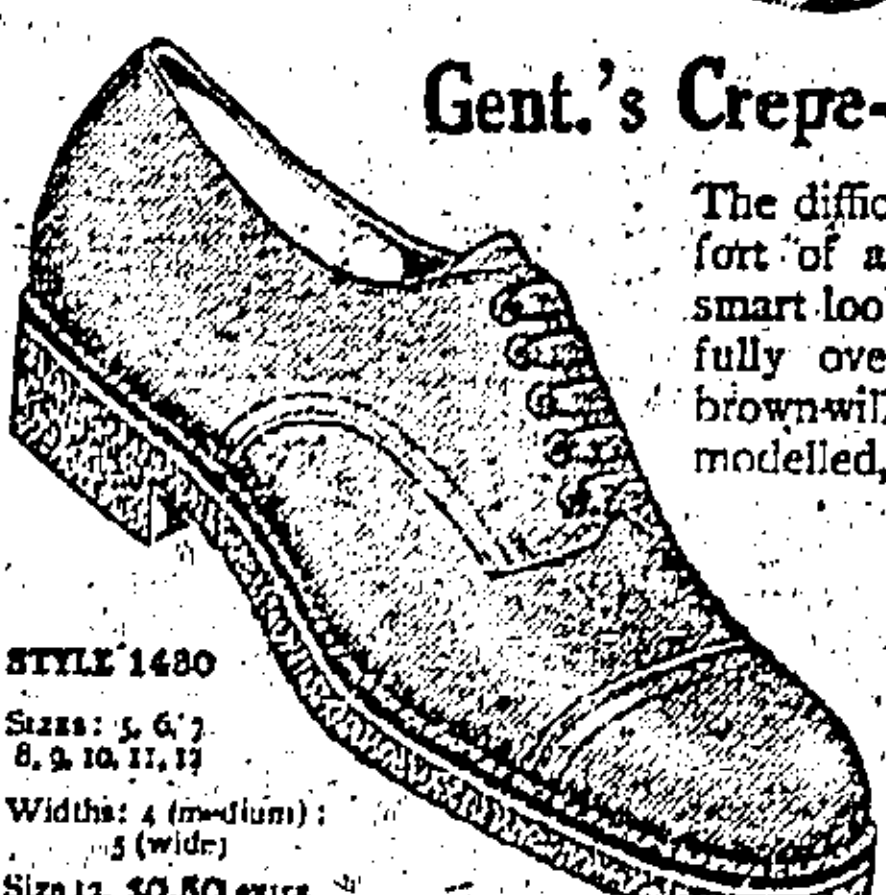


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DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

FURTHER POINTS.

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The British Wireless Service also sends a report of the debate, essentially similar, from which we give following points.

During the course of the debate, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, criticised the paucity of the Government's programme, and particularly the omission to mention Poor Law reform, factory legislation or extensions of the franchise. The statement regarding the admission of Germany into the League of Nations would be accepted with pleasure on all sides of the House. Germany's admission was the fruit of years of patient sowing and watering, and the whole House would hope that it would add to the stability and security of Europe and to the authority of the League of Nations itself.

Mr. Baldwin's Speech.

In the course of his remarks on China, the Premier said that he would not speak at length on the subject, because this would be debated on Thursday when the foreign Secretary would make a full statement. But he pointed out that one of the difficulties in the situation was that there were elements at work in China which desired to push us into fighting.

Evacuation From Shanghai Impossible.

Those who were in a position of responsibility could envisage great possibilities that might occur. Small populations of foreigners could be evacuated from a place like Hankow, but not from Shanghai. There were too many people. China was in a state of civil war and that was what we had to remember when it was suggested that complete security might be obtained by assurances. Assurances could be given perfectly bona fide and intended to be bona fide, but until we were clear that the opportunity had passed for a fighting ground of Shanghai to be a fighting ground between the various national forces in China in their civil war, it could not be said that danger to foreign nationals had passed at Shanghai.

Nationalists Not In Control.

At Hankow, one of the difficulties had been that the Nationalist Army had either lacked the will or the power or both, to control their mobs. Much more, might an unorganised force fail to control such forces as might be left loose in a city of the size of Shanghai and of its wealth, if combinations of unhappy and evil circumstances were let loose.

"We have sent a force which we have been advised by all our advisers would be necessary to defend our people in the International Concessions. If danger should arise of a real struggle to capture the Concessions, and to murder the inhabitants on the part of a mob together with troops, whether they happened to be troops that have come into Shanghai from beaten armies or whether they happen to be troops of a victorious army. Such force as we are sending to China had gone there for the purpose of the protection of life and for nothing else."

With regard to the North, the Premier said that it was a difficult task in a situation like this, to hold the scales evenly between the conflicting parties in a struggle with which we have nothing to do, and which was exhaustively Chinese, in such a way that neither party could accuse us at any time of helping the other.

TOY BALLOON CAUSES DEATH.

The strange fatality was reported to the Police on Tuesday of a ten-year-old Chinese boy who died as a result of allowing a toy balloon, and his body was later removed to the Mortuary.

In the police report of the case, it was indicated that death was caused through the swallowing of the "squeak" of the toy balloon with which the boy was playing.

CHINESE AND A PHILIPPINE FILM.

The Chinese community, says the Manila Times, represented by Attorney Albino Z. Sy Cip, president of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, has pledged P20,000 worth of shares in the Mayon Photo-play Corporation to enable it to film "Ayer, Hoy y Mañana," which will cost at least P40,000 to finish, according to Faustino Lichauco, Jr., producer.

Filipinos furnished P10,000. Mr. Sy Cip, it was declared, has promised to subscribe the remaining P10,000 in the event that Filipinos fail to do so.

Thirty-four applicants are entered in the contest for principal characters in the play. Fourteen others have been chosen for minor parts. The girls who will take part in the play have not as yet been selected, there being only a few applicants.

LOCAL GOLF.

LADIES' CLUB ON SATURDAY.

INFRINGEMENT OF RULES AT THE VALLEY.

There are no competitions at Fanling this week-end.

An interesting event has, however, been arranged for Saturday on the New Course. This will be a match between the Club and the Ladies. A similar event was announced last year, but had to be cancelled. It should be a most interesting match and five out of eight of the selected players for the Club team have accepted the invitation to turn out.

Sunday had been set aside for a match between the Club and the Services, but as the Services thanks to the political situation are unable to rely on any chosen team being able to turn up, the fixture has been cancelled.

On the following week-end, the 10th to 12th, there will be a bogey pool competition. On the Sunday the semi-final of the Junior Championship will be played between A. O. Brown and W. J. Clerk; and A. Sommerfelt and C. B. Robertson.

In the Junior Championship, by a curious co-incidence Brown, Clerk, Sommerfelt and Robertson each won their games against Lisaman, Taylor, Whyte-Smith and Layton respectively by one up. This is certainly unusual for rarely in such competitions does one find all the winners returning the same card.

There has been a gross infringement of rules on the Happy Valley course. It appears that of late a number of people have been using the race track while the ponies were out. This was especially noticeable yesterday morning.

This is entirely against the rules of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club in respect of this course, and the matter is being taken up. Draconic action by the Committee, we are informed, may be considered necessary.

Arriving to-day on the R.M.S. Empress of Scotland, now on another round-the-world cruise, is the Empress of Scotland, Round-the-World Golf Club. A similar Club made its appearance here last year when this ship was in port.

As on that occasion the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club have invited the members of this Club to visit Fanling. They will no doubt avail themselves of the offer, especially when they learn what a capital course it is, and that there is a really enjoyable motor run out to it. Arrangements are already in hand for the liner's golfers to visit the course at arranged times.

"MUDFORD'S" MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN PROCEEDS.

CROWDED "HOUSES" AT PARTY MEETINGS.

The campaign at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, in connection with the bye-election for the appointment of three members (from six candidates standing) to the "Mudford-on-Sea Council," is proceeding apace, and with much liveliness.

Exceptionally keen interest is being taken in this, the first event of its kind staged in the Colony. Campaigning is general throughout the Y.M.C.A., where the rooms are becoming more and more decorated with election propaganda as the hour of the poll draws near.

The fight is bitter and between three camps, the Progressives, Moderates and Socialists. Meetings are being held nightly, and the "houses" are crowded. Good humoured fun and heckling prevail. The posters and circulars are attracting much interest, and are adding considerable spice to the progress of the campaign, which will culminate on Saturday night with the polling.

ASTOR HOUSE ALTERATIONS.

A NEW CONCRETE ROOF PUT ON.

The Astor House property recently purchased by the Ho Hong Bank is now undergoing alterations. It has been found advisable to remove the topmost storey of the building, and to construct a new concrete roof, whilst not carrying out any other alterations to the main features of the building. It is understood that negotiations are proceeding for the use of the building for an hotel business, but the Ho Hong Bank will continue to occupy that portion of the main floor in which it is now carrying on business, in any event.

THE ARMSTRONG, WHITWORTH COMPANY.

RECENTLY ON BRINK OF COLLAPSE.

DIRECTORS SHARPLY CRITICISED.

How serious at one time was the financial position of the huge firm of Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., Ltd., was revealed at meetings of shareholders, when the directors were strongly criticised. One shareholder at the extraordinary general meeting complained particularly of the directors' sanctioning as recently as 1925 a dividend so soon after the business had been brought to the "brink of abysmal catastrophe."

Another shareholder, Mr. W. White, suggested all the directors, except the chairman, should resign. The shareholders who had lost the bulk of their investments could be numbered by tens of thousands, and it was a scandal that these matters were treated with "callous indifference" by the directors. Although there was criticism at the meetings, which were held by direction of the High Court to sanction the proposed scheme for the reconstruction of the company, the necessary resolutions of approval were carried.

Position Explained. The first meeting was of the Four per Cent. Mortgage Debenture stockholders. Sir Edwin Cornwall, who presided, said the necessity for making drastic proposals with regard to the company's financial position became apparent some time ago.

It might be said that those responsible for the business should have visualised more clearly the post-war position. It was easy to be wise after the event, but that foresight and judgment was seriously lacking was evident, and it was particularly difficult to justify certain of the investments made in recent years.

That the directors of the company at the time acted in a way which they thought was in the best interests of the company, he had no doubt. They embarked on a bold, far-reaching policy which, if the world recuperation of trade had been rapid, might have resulted differently.

The only alternative to the scheme of arrangement was the appointment of a receiver, which would be calculated to accentuate rather than ameliorate the difficulties of the present situation.

The Chairman announced that the resolution that the scheme of arrangement be approved was carried by the requisite majority.

Lord Southborough presided at the extraordinary general meeting, and said the company had been engaged in putting its house in order. The civil engineering department, which had been the bone of the existence of the company, was rapidly disappearing. It was the policy of the Board to dispose of its interests in the subsidiary companies which had been such a strain and drain upon the resources and freedom of action of the main business when reasonable opportunities occurred.

Brink Of Catastrophe. One shareholder, Mr. R. Bedell, had immediate support when he criticized the directors who as recently as 1925 sanctioned a dividend, and yet so soon afterwards the shareholders learned that this great business had been brought to the brink of abysmal catastrophe. That he said, could not have come about suddenly, and must have been known to the directors. He suggested that they ought to have a special investigation by a firm of independent accountants to see whether the directors could be made personally liable for some of that "masterpiece of financial and commercial ineptitude."

Mr. William White, who spoke of the "morass of catastrophe" into which the shareholders had been plunged, said the only crumb of comfort they had was in the fact that the chairman was to be on the board as their representative. With that one exception he asked for an assurance that none of the existing directors would be retained.

The shareholders who had lost the bulk of their investments in this company could be numbered by tens of thousands. That money in many cases was the result of long small savings, and it was a scandal that these matters were treated with such callous indifference by the directors.

Millions In Swamps. They had invested millions of money in swamps and old railways in Newfoundland, and he was informed they had paid for them five and six times as much as any competent business man would have paid.

Mr. White's suggestion that all the directors except the chairman should resign their positions forthwith was cordially received by Mr. Honnell, and was endorsed by Mr. Honnell, providing there was no compensation to them for being deprived of office.

The Chairman said there had no doubt been miscarriage in business, but the stringency of the strictures made in some particulars were more than were deserved by the old management.

The resolution in favour of the reconstruction scheme was carried without dissent.

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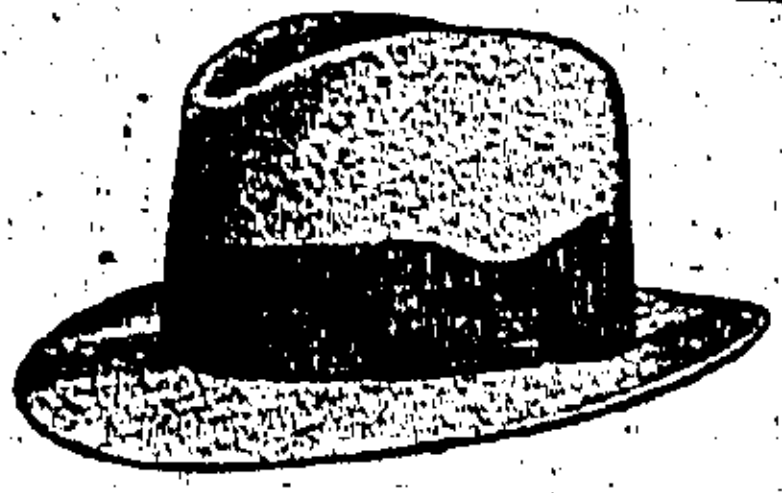
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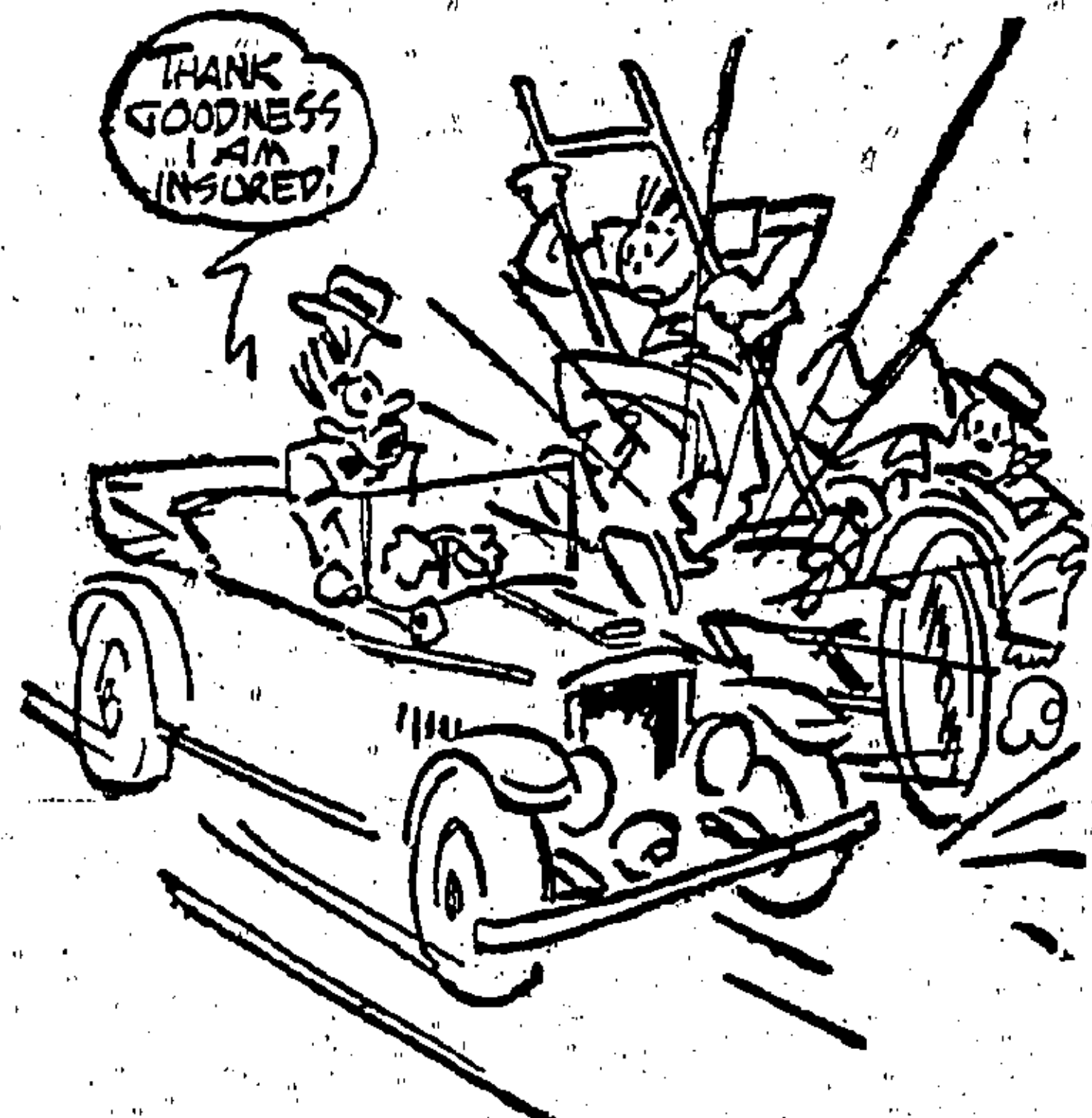


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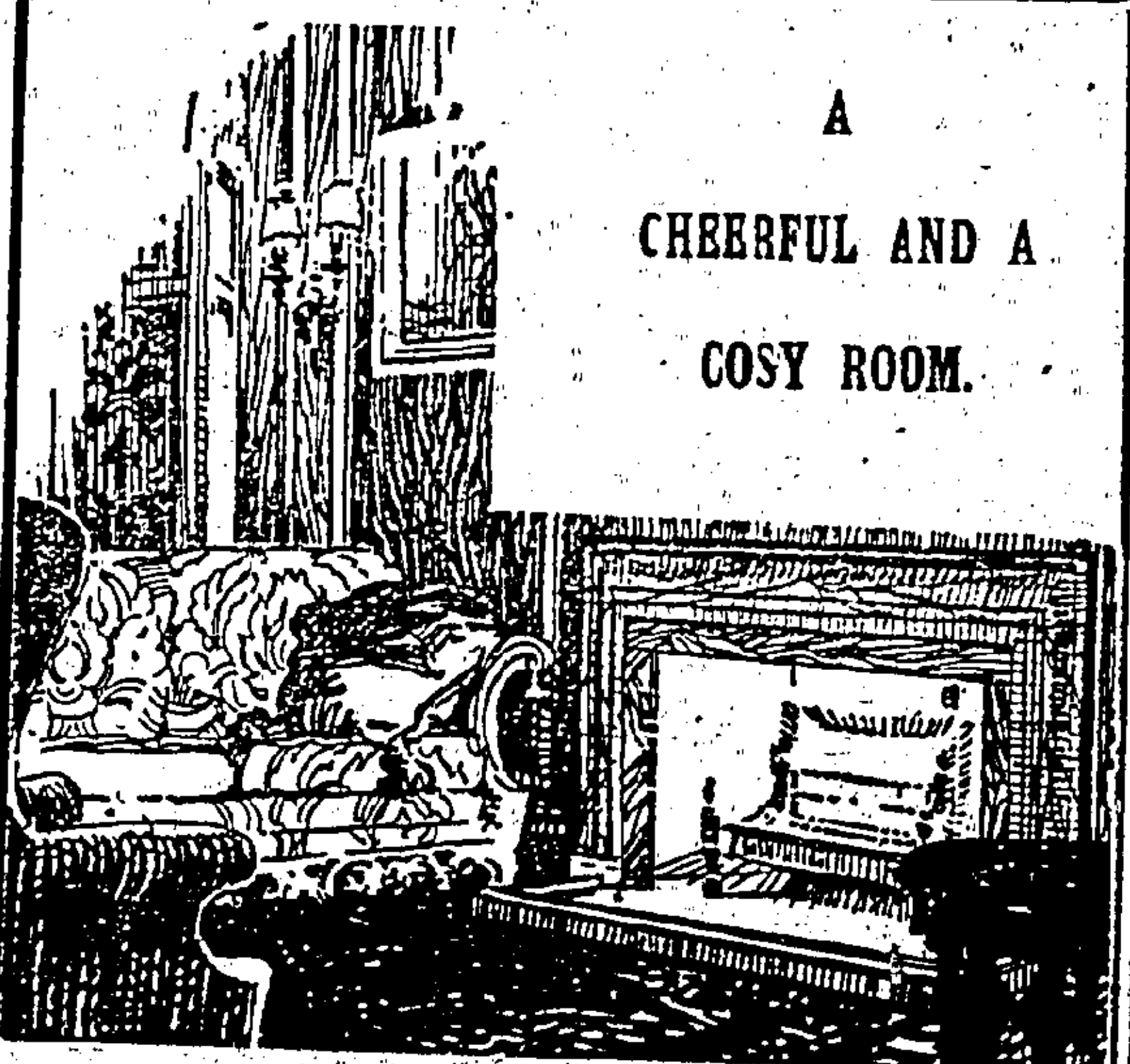
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DR. PHOON SECK WAH—MISS
CHAN SUEN LAN.

Two well known local Chinese families were united yesterday afternoon, when the pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral of Dr. Phoon Seck Wah and Miss Chan Suen Lan.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Chan Harr, of No. 1, St. Stephen's Lane, who were resident in Australia for 20 years. The family has many relatives and friends in Canton, Shanghai, and other parts of China, and also in Australia and America. Mr. Chan Harr, and Messrs. Ma Ying Pui and Cheung Kon Sang, and other friends founded the present Sincere Company, with which Mr. Chan Harr is still connected.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phoon Sze Leong, who own an extensive business in Singapore, but have their home in Canton. The Phoon boys were educated in Singapore, and four of them have graduated at the Hong Kong University.

Dr. Phoon Seck Wah, the bridegroom, resides at 41A, Bonham Road. He graduated M.B. and B.S. at the Hong Kong University in 1922 with his brother Dr. Phoon Seck Foo. His elder brother, Dr. Phoon Seck Wing was given the M.D. degree at the congregation held at the Hong Kong University in January. The bridegroom was house surgeon at the University from January to June, 1922. All three brothers won the King Edward VII. scholarship.

The Cathedral Ceremony. Yesterday's wedding service was fully choral. The hymns sung were "Lead us Heavenly Father, Lead Us," and "Love Divine, all Love Excelling." Wedding music was played by Mr. F. Mason, the Cathedral Organist, and he was assisted in carrying out the musical programme by a choir and by Dr. W. K. Fok.

The officiating clergy were: the Rev. H. Copley Moyle and the Rev. Lee Kau Yan.

The bride, who was attended by Miss Elsie Poon, Miss Mabel Chan and Miss Au, was given in marriage by her father. She looked charming in a gown of silver lace over white satin charmeuse, which was trimmed with orange blossom and silver roses. Her veil was of Nottingham net, trimmed with orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of white roses.

Miss Elsie Poon Lu Tung wore a dress of pearl and apricot crepe-de-chine, trimmed with silver lace. Miss Mabel Chan and Miss Au were attired in mauve and shell pink frocks, and carried baskets of sweet peas to match.

The duties of "best man" were carried out by Dr. S. Q. Phoon, the younger brother of the bridegroom. Following the Cathedral ceremony, a reception was held at St. John's Hall, Hong Kong University, and later the bride and bridegroom left on their honeymoon. The bride's travelling dress was of shell pink, embroidered with sequins.

Both bride and bridegroom were the recipients of numerous presents. The present from the bride to the bridegroom was a gold watch; and that from the bridegroom to the bride a diamond bracelet.

The Guests. Hundreds of guests were present at the Cathedral service. Among the numerous guests invited were: The Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, Mr. W. W. Hornell (Vice-Chancellor, the University), Professor and Mrs. K. H. Digby, Professor and Mrs. C. Y. Wang, Professor J. Anderson and others from the University, Dr. J. B. Addison (P.C.M.O.), and many representatives of the local medical profession, Miss M. Sloan, Miss E. S. Dupuy, Miss Cranfield, Miss Middleton, Miss Miss Pope, staff and students of St. Stephen's Girls' College, representatives of the Chinese Church and of the hospitals in the Colony; Mr. and Mrs. Ma Ying Pui, Mr. and Mrs. Ma Wing Chan, Mr. and Mrs. Choy Hing, Mr. Choy Cheong, Mr. Mok Kon Sang, Mr. Kwok Chuen, Mr. To Jack Man, Mr. David Chan See, Mr. Wong Kwok Shun, Mr. Cheung Kon Sang, Dr. Jew Hawk, Dr. S. F. Lee and others.

OBITUARY.

DR. F. O. STEDMAN.

FORMERLY SURGEON IN
HONG KONG.

The news of the death in England of Dr. Frederic Oswald Stedman, M.D., B.S. (London), M.R.C.S., will be received with much regret by many residents of Hong Kong. The notification of his death was made by cable. The late Dr. Stedman was formerly a surgeon in Hong Kong.

No details are to hand, excepting the fact that he passed away on the 2nd instant, but it is thought likely that he was a victim of the influenza epidemic which was widespread in England at that time.

The late Dr. Stedman, who was 64 years of age, came to the Colony in 1893 to join the firm of Drs. Hartigan, Cantley and Cowie (now known as Drs. Harston, Black, Balean, Koch, Stuart Taylor, Morrison, Gawler and Milward). On the retirement of Dr. Cantley in 1897 he became a partner in the firm the name of which then changed to Dr. Hartigan, Stedman and Rennie. Dr. M. Harston, who came East five years after the late Dr. Stedman, was admitted a partner in 1903, when the firm again changed its name.

Dr. Stedman, who was a Justice of the Peace for the Colony, won much esteem during his lengthy residence here, being recognised as a very skilful surgeon. He left Hong Kong on retirement about ten years ago.

Prior to coming to Hong Kong, Dr. Stedman was House Surgeon, House Physician and Surgeon Registrar at the Charing Cross Hospital; House Physician at the National Hospital for Paralysis and Epilepsy; London; and clinical assistant at Moorefield's Eye Hospital.

The deceased leaves a widow and two sons—Mr. Noel Stedman and Mr. Nigel Stedman—the latter of whom holds an appointment in Kenya Colony. The utmost sympathy will be felt with the family in their bereavement.

MR. A. D. JUPP.

PASSES AWAY AT CHRIST
CHURCH OXFORD.

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. Arthur Denys Jupp, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jupp, of Chislehurst, Kent, England, and late of Hong Kong.

Mr. Jupp, senior, is a partner in the firm of John D. Humphreys and Son, and is at present in Hong Kong with Mrs. Jupp, having arrived in the Colony recently.

Mr. Jupp, senior, spent upwards of twenty years in Hong Kong, leaving here about 17 years ago.

Mr. Jupp, junior, passed away after an attack of pneumonia, at the early age of 24 years, at Christ Church, Oxford, where he had commenced his duties as a law tutor. He received his education at Brasenose College, Oxford.

ARMS FOR SHANGHAI.

CHINESE HEAVILY FINED IN
LONDON.

At East Ham, Wing Ah Nang, 24, a seaman, of the Glen Line steamer *Glengary*, lying in King George V. Docks, was charged with illegally importing and concealing on the vessel forty-eight revolvers and 4,750 rounds of ammunition.

Mr. H. J. Fleet, for the Customs, said the *Glengary* arrived in the docks on a Wednesday, and in the afternoon the vessel was searched by Revenue officers. In a wooden case protecting the hot water pipes in the hold the revolvers and ammunition were found. On the crew being questioned, the prisoner admitted the ownership of the revolvers and ammunition. He added that he had brought them from Hamburg, that they had been taken to the *Glengary* in a motor-boat, and that he was going to take them to some friends in Shanghai.

Prisoner, who caused some trouble by refusing to plead, eventually pleaded guilty and made no defence. He was fined £250, the value of goods, the default of payment being ninety-one days imprisonment.

GAMBLERS IN AN EMPTY
HOUSE.

"HAKKAS UNABLE TO SPEAK
THE TRUTH."

EXTRA FINE FOR "LYING
EXCUSES."

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, Det. Sgt. Rosetkwy charged 31 Chinese with gambling in an empty house at Sai On village.

Ten of the defendants failed to put in an appearance, and their bail of \$5 each was exonerated.

The first defendant said that he had been looking for a friend.

"Why do you go to an empty house to look for a friend when there is nobody there but gamblers?" retorted the Magistrate.

The next man questioned said that he went to call a *foki* to a feast.

Mr. Lindell: Indeed! What a wonderful excuse. Did you find him?

To another man who said that he had been sent to the house by his foreman, his Worship replied: "Don't make lying excuses."

Three other defendants, who were Hakkas, also made transparently untrue excuses to account for their presence in the house, which provoked the remark from his Worship: "I have come to the conclusion that you Hakkas are constitutionally unable to speak the truth."

In inflicting sentence, Mr. Lindell said: "Those who have admitted their guilt are fined \$3 each; those who have wasted my time with lying excuses will pay \$4 each and those who have not turned up will forfeit their bail of \$5 each."

His Worship also directed that the \$5.40 found in the house be given to the Poor Box and that the gambling paraphernalia be confiscated.

LORRY DRIVER CHARGED
WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

COOLIE KILLED AT PRAYA
WEST.

The motor lorry driver who was adjudged guilty of negligent driving by the jury at an enquiry held into the death of a coolie before Mr. R. E. Lindell about a fortnight ago, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday, at the Central Police Court, on a charge of manslaughter. Defendants were represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

The defendant who was driving a lorry at about 8 P.M. on January 20th, ran into a coolie just outside the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co.'s godowns, at Connaught Road West. The deceased and a gang of coolies were carrying sacks of pea-nuts from a junk into the godown.

The evidence given by some of the coolies was to the effect that the lorry knocking down the deceased, the lorry did not stop and that no horn was sounded before the accident. The coolies gave chase, and the lorry eventually stopped at Water Street, where the driver picked up a Chinese constable and then returned to the scene of the accident.

A Chinese constable said when he went back to the scene of the accident with the driver, the coolies had adopted a very threatening attitude and that fearing trouble, he and the driver drove away again in the direction of Queen's Road West. They met a European sergeant there and enlisted his aid. The three went back to where the dead body was and had the deceased removed to the Mortuary.

The case at this stage was again adjourned.

WING ON SHROFF'S
COMPLAINT.

CUSTOMERS CHEATED HIM
OF \$30.

A paying-in shroff of the Wing On Company made a report to the Police that he had been defrauded of \$30 by two foreigners who went to the Wines and Spirits Department to make a purchase.

According to the complainant's story a bill of \$320 for good pure chased from the Wines Department was handed to the shroff, and one of the two customers who made this purchase, tendered a \$100 bill. The shroff was handing out the change, when one of the customers asked to have a \$50 bill.

The shroff, not having this particular note on hand, consented to the \$50 note being changed at a money-changer's shop in the street. A Chinese who accompanied the two customers eventually returned with the money, which was handed, all in a wad, to the shroff. The \$50 bill was handed back to the customer in addition to the other notes and coins which went to make up the balance of \$270.

Not until the customers had departed did the shroff count the notes. He then found that it was alleged that he was short to the extent of thirty dollars.

The shroff stated that the customers appeared to be Portuguese.



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THE NEW RULER OF HANKOW.

CANTON'S MINISTER IN SPATS AND HIS DAUGHTER
IN BREECHES.

AN EYE WITNESS'S SARCASTIC PICTURE.

Hankow, writes the *Daily Mail* correspondent in that city, is disappointed with the appearance of the new Nationalist Government. It is so different from what was expected. The people were justified in thinking the "liberators of the oppressed," so long advertised by their advance propagandists, would be Chinese in outward form as well as in character.

They are neither. The pompous entry of the pilgrims from Canton, attended by aeroplane antics overhead and the explosion of many firecrackers underfoot, revealed to the anxious local populace several disillusioning and disconcerting facts, not the least being that their future masters are a lot of weedy young gentlemen in tweeds or plus fours and spats, with a florid taste in Bond-street ties and a predilection for talking English among themselves.

What, ask the puzzled merchants and middle-class Chinese, and even the coolies, is the difference between the foreigners they know and a lot of Chinese who ape them in every particular? How can the spirit of nationalism live in a British trench coat or American patent leather? Are they being exploited by a new type of foreign invader posing as Chinese?

I am inclined to think that many even more urgent questions will trouble themselves by the time the Nationalist Government has got into its stride. Many rude shocks await the inhabitants of Hankow. But for the moment it is sufficiently disturbing to them to find these undersized, dabbly youth ordering old officials about and dashing up and down the foreign and native cities in shining limousines.

The Cantonese students who call themselves a Government are as different from the great mass of the people they desire to dominate as chalk is from cheese. They look at China through Western eyes and their minds are filled with vague and restless longings born of a desire to Westernise the country for their own ends. They cannot even talk with the people of the north; interpreters must intervene.

Nasty Types.

It might not be so bad if they were one homogeneous type. Some are aggressive young men, full of American slang, who talk breezily of "putting pep" into the work-out institutions of China. Others are of a more restrained type and bear the imprint of an English university. Still others are as heavily marked by their intensive training in Moscow's college for Asiatic propagandists. Then there is a fourth type, Westernised in China by the methods of the mission schools.

They do not blend well. The American-educated "student" considers his colleague from Cambridge "too slow." The latter is inclined to look down on the product of the United States, with his nasal accent and informal methods of address, as being rather vulgar. Both consider the graduate of Moscow's Communist factory as a gloomy and narrow-minded person. All three pity the students who have never been abroad. All four unite in heartily detesting the Russians associated with the Government as

"advisers," and whose advice is reckoned better than their company. I have heard them contemptuously referred to as "Lenin's lackeys."

Mr. Eugene Chen And The Chinese.

One of the most polished specimens of European civilisation in this galaxy is Mr. Eugene Chen, the new Minister for Foreign Affairs. Dignified members of the Chinese community contemplate him with a shudder. Mr. Chen has nothing Chinese about him, unless it be a slight cast of countenance which is by no means convincing. He was born in Trinidad, and at one time during his chequered career as an anti-British journalist it suited him to claim British nationality.

He looks Western, but he hates the West. His brilliant eyes blaze viciously behind his gold-rimmed spectacles when he pillories Great Britain for her Imperialistic sins and his slender hands excitedly saw the air. His command of English is well-nigh perfect when he talks; he writes it far better than many native sons of Britain.

Mr. Chen wears white spats below his carefully creased trousers. He is a credit to his London tailor. He quotes Kipling and Hardy with easy confidence. Some of his ironic despatches, indited from the Foreign Office at Canton, are real masterpieces of English prose. His brain is undoubtedly the ablest of any at the command of Canton's Russian tutors. Mr. Chen is, of course, a great patriot. Yet he takes no chances. When I go to see him in his secluded room at the Terminus Hotel I must pass a "gunman" at the door—pass a Cantonese sergeant in khaki whose automatic is always pointed in his right hand.

Charming Miss Chen.

Nor could Mr. Chen's daughter—charming though she is—be hailed by the flower of China's population as representative of their country. Fresh from an American college for women, Miss Sylvia Chen wears the latest Paris fashions with "true Western grace. She entered Hankow with her father, clad in well-cut riding breeches, to the great discomposure of the local Chinese dignitaries.

Mr. Woo, the mild, spectacled young secretary to Minister Chen, is another finished product of European tutors and tailors. And there are many like him, equipped with tags of speech, which divide them into two classes—the "Chorrios" and "See-you-laters."

Not Chinese.

They are a thousand miles removed from Chinese ways of living. At Kuling, for one night, they stayed at a Chinese hotel. No more. Next morning, with one accord, they moved down to the best European hotel.

Hankow was warned in advance to provide them of its best. Steam heat, brass bedsteads, and a private bath were some of the little essentials required by the officials when they arrived at the Terminus Hotel this week. Their motor-cars are the finest in the city.

All of which is magnificent, but the puzzled people of Hankow say it is not Chinese.

**LITTLE PICKETS!
BE GOOD.****EVENING LECTURES
SUGGESTED.****HELPING THEM TO "BETTER
WAYS OF LIFE."****ARREST OF CADET DESERTERS
ORDERED.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

In order to educate and polish the rough elements in Canton who are taking up picketing as a profession, the Kuomintang are being advised to start evening lectures for them. It is thought that such lectures will help them "to better ways of life." A scheme for twenty night schools has been drawn up for the consideration of the Kuomintang Party.

The Kuomintang Superintendent of Education in Canton has just ordered the closing of 215 private schools, alleging that they have failed to comply with Kuomintang regulations.

Owing to a dispute among the butchers in Canton regarding the length of the New Year holidays, the residents of the Southern Capital had no pork for dinner on February 6th.

Among the most recent strikers are the organised employees of the Judicial Department. If they follow the methods of other unions it is to be presumed that all the City Courts will have to remain closed as pickets invariably blockade premises of those employers who refuse labour demands, and there seems no reason why destination in this matter should be drawn between a shop and a Court of Justice.

The number of people still requiring assistance from the Strike Committee is now put at 37,500. A few months ago the number was 43,500 and at one time it was 66,000. Before the strikers withdraw from the Committee's "protection" they want the \$100 which was promised to each of them. So far, however, only \$10 has been paid.

According to reports from Swatow the Kwangtung districts bordering Fukien and Kiangsi are now infested with bandits. No caravan, less than 100 strong, dares to cross from one province to another.

By order of the Kuomintang Ministry of Communications the Bureau of Reconstruction in Canton will assume supervision over the Chinese Post Office. It would seem now, therefore, that the institution will be in the unenviable position of having to take orders from Peking and Canton at the same time.

All available Kuomintang regiments still in Canton and district are to be sent to Central and East China to participate in the coming spring campaign against the Northern forces.

The Kuomintang General Headquarters is ordering the arrest of some 47 former cadets of the Kuomintang Military Academy at Whampoa. They were sent to Hankow to report for active service recently but they deserted en route.

To minimise the organised strength of all possible "anti-red" agencies in Kwangtung, the Kuomintang authorities have issued orders forbidding the Volunteer corps of one village or town to join with the forces of another. Moreover, only bona fide residents of a village may become members of the Volunteer body of that village. At the time of the disbandment of the Volunteer Movement in Canton by the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen in October, 1924, there was a united force nearly 50,000 strong.

Chinese Post Office business in Canton had to be suspended for half a day yesterday, because the postmen desired to have a few hours off to say farewell to their delegates who were going to Hankow to attend a Postmen's Conference.

**HONG KONG CHINESE
SEAMEN'S UNION.****NOT WORKING FOR A STRIKE****SECRETARY'S STATEMENT.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Hong Kong Chinese Seamen's Union at Des Voeux Road, Central, entertained at tea members of the Chinese Press yesterday afternoon. Mr. Edin Lung, the secretary, on behalf of the seamen, said that their Union had not been running during the strike and boycott and only resumed its functions on October 10th last.

He wished at this New Year gathering to assure the public, through the Press, that there was no foundation whatever to the reports current that there would be another strike and that the Seamen's Union was causing the trouble. He said that he could speak for all local seamen and condemned the reports as false and baseless.

Mr. Lung hoped that the merchants would take no heed of this fabrication. He recalled the great losses incurred by all on account of the last strike and did not think that any person would be so foolish as to want more suffering.

To show that there was nothing to the second strike rumour, he pointed out that a large number of Hong Kong Chinese labour unions had reopened their quarters after their return from Canton. Had they any intention of calling another strike they surely would not have returned from Canton and resumed their activities here!

**MISSIONARIES ARRIVE AT
MANILA.****MORE REFUGEES FROM
FOOCHOW AREA.****NUMBER NOW AT MANILA
ONE HUNDRED.**

According to the *Manila Times* of last Thursday, eight more American missionaries from the Foochow area arrived that morning on the s.s. *President Harrison*, this bringing the total of American missionaries who have fled from China to Manila on account of the anti-foreign and anti-missionary riots to 100.

Among the refugees was L. M. Wilkinson, a young American who was doing business near Foochow. He stated that the majority of refugees leaving Foochow were not molested but that Chinese troops at Yenping, a short distance up the river, stopped all boats travelling toward Shanghai, and that it was necessary to make the trip at night time.

**FILIPINO'S SEARCH FOR
WORK.****DESTITUTE AND SENT TO
HOUSE OF DETENTION.****A FORMER ST. PAUL'S
COLLEGE STUDENT.**

A hard luck story was told by Benito de Guzman, a young Filipino, who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday morning on a charge of vagrancy.

Guzman told a story of a fruitless search for employment which took him to four different ports, eventually landing him in Hong Kong, destitute and without money or friends. He said he had been a student at St. Paul's College but he left school and went to search for work and his quest took him to Macao, Singapore, and Manila, eventually returning to Hong Kong. He had a little money when he landed here and when this was exhausted, he slept in the streets and at the Canton Steamboat Wharf. It had been cold these last few nights, and he thought the best course was to give himself up to the police.

Sergeant Elston stated that a passage back to his home in Manila had been promised the defendant by the American Consul. His Worship sent Guzman to the house of detention until a passage could be arranged for his return to Manila.

OUR SCOUTS.**INSPECTED BY H.E. THE
GOVERNOR.****AN UNTRUTHFUL INSINUA-
TION CONTROVERTED.****NOT MILITARISTS, BUT
BROTHERS.**

Officiating in the capacity of Chief Scout of Hong Kong, H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) inspected the Scout Troops of the Hong Kong Association in the grounds in front of Government House yesterday afternoon. His Excellency also presented the Prince of Wales' banner to the 20th Troop, who won it in 1926 for general efficiency in Scoutcraft and the year's work. During their year of tenure, the holders of the banner are entitled to be called "The Governor's Troop."

A feature of the proceedings was the taking of the Scout oath by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., the new President of the Hong Kong Boy Scout Association, who was invested by His Excellency with the Tenderfoot badge. Letters of commendation were also awarded to two troops for special services, and warrants of office handed to two scoutmasters.

H.E. the Chief Scout of Hong Kong gave an eloquent address to the scouts on parade, and refuted the insinuation made by ill-disposed people that the Boy Scout movement is only disguised militarism. His Excellency declared that the Scout movement aimed to establish world brotherhood between boys of all races to train them for citizenship and to be world brothers when they attained manhood.

A Smart Turn Out.

The turn out of thirteen troops of Scouts was exceedingly smart and the lads looked spruce as a regiment of Regulars in their neat khaki shirts and shorts, against a background of greenery.

The parade was under the Command of the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave (Scout Commissioner of Hong Kong), and there were also present, in addition to H.E. the Governor and Chief Scout of the Colony, Lady Clementi (President of the Hong Kong Girl Guide Association), in her uniform of the Guides, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G. (President of the local Scout Association), Capt. C. H. Steele (A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor), and District Scoutmaster White.

Coming smartly to attention as His Excellency came on to the ground, the troops accorded him the salute. Sir Cecil then proceeded to inspect them, and afterwards presented the Prince of Wales' Banner for general efficiency in Scoutcraft to the 20th Troop.

Letters of Commendation, Commissioner Waldegrave detailed how on the 19th of June last year the 19th Troop were returning to headquarters in charge of Scoutmaster Hon Yukioi, when they were informed that a European lady had been victimised by a bag-matcher. They gave chase and were successful in intercepting this man. A monetary reward had been suggested, but as this was against the Scout traditions, it had been decided to award a letter of commendation to the Troop.

His Excellency then presented this letter to the Scoutmaster of this troop.

Fire Services.

Proceeding Commissioner Waldegrave related how the 20th Troop had had their services much requested in cases of fires, by reason of the fact that their headquarters were in the Central District. This troop did particularly good service on the occasion of the Hong Kong Hotel fire. They had turned out frequently and rendered very real assistance. A letter of commendation was also to the Scoutmaster of this troop. The Commissioner added that only the previous night this troop had put out a fire in the grounds of Government House. The fire was caused apparently by a cigarette having set fire to some bushes.

His Excellency handed a letter of commendation to the Scoutmaster of the Troop in question.

The Scouts Oath.

Dr. Kotewall was then invited to join the ranks of the local Scout Association as their President by taking the Scout Oath. This Dr. Kotewall did by standing in front of H.E. the Chief Scout with his fingers raised in the scout salute, and repeating the oath which was administered by the Commissioner.

His Excellency then invested Dr. Kotewall with the Scouts' Tenderfoot badge, as a sign that he had been admitted to their ranks.

Scoutmasters Roberts and Leveson Gower were handed their warrants of office by His Excellency.

CHIEF SCOUT'S ADDRESS.

Addressing the Scouts, H.E. the Chief Scout said:—I am glad to see so good a muster of you boys this afternoon and I have noted with much pleasure your smart and workmanlike appearance and your good discipline. I especially congratulate the 20th Troop on winning the Prince of Wales' banner.

(Continued on next column.)

**BURGLARS ROB THE
SUPREME COURT.****CHIEF JUSTICE'S CLOCK
STOLEN.****A \$70 HAUL.**

No place seems to be safe from the attention of our local cracksmen and two clocks, valued at \$70, were stolen from the Supreme Court sometime between 6.30 on Tuesday evening and early yesterday morning.

When the caretaker was cleaning the place early yesterday morning, he noticed three mirrors, one belonging to Mr. Maynard and the other two to Sir Henry Gollan, lying on a table in the passage running along the side of the big Court. He also found the key to Sir Henry Gollan's door in the lock, together with Mr. Maynard's key on the same ring.

On arriving at his office yesterday morning, Mr. R. W. H. Maynard, clerk to the Chief Justice, discovered that a wall clock which had hung in his room, and a similar one in Sir Henry Gollan's Chambers, were missing.

The keys to the doors are usually left in a desk drawer in the passage between the two doors, and, as the original keys were used, the burglar must have known where to find them, after entering the building.

There are no signs of any entrance having been forced into the building, and everything was in order when Mr. Maynard left on Tuesday evening.

Unhappily there are ill-disposed people who, observing your smartness on parade and your good discipline, exclaim that the Boy Scout movement is only disguised militarism and who pretend to believe that our real aim is to make soldiers of you. There is no share of truth in such an insinuation. The aim of the Boy Scout movement is to look at from the widest point of view, is to form a brotherhood of boys of all races, nations and creeds in the hope that, when these boys grow to manhood, the brotherhood of boys will pass naturally into a world-wide brotherhood of men.

Value Of Discipline.

Looked at from the point of view of the individual boy, the aim of the boy scout movement is to make men of you—scholarships, upright, resourceful, law-abiding men. Discipline is one of the means by which these things are taught. Discipline is the outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace. It should mean that in all your acts you are fully conscious that you form part of a troop, an association, a world-wide brotherhood, and that each of you will subordinate at all times this individual aim and ambition to the welfare of the whole fellowship to which he belongs. This is the way in which useful citizens of a country and of the commonwealth of all countries can be made; and this is the ideal which the Boy Scout movement strives to realise. Never forget this and let this ideal inspire your work both as boys and when you become men.

During his address, His Excellency also thanked the Troop who put out the fire in the grounds of Government House.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dr. Kotewall, in the course of a brief address, said he would like to express his thanks on their behalf to H.E. the Governor for having presented the Prince of Wales' banner and the two letters of commendation, and also for the deep interest His Excellency had always taken in the affairs of the local Scout Association. Dr. Kotewall joined in congratulating the troops on the annual summer camp which they had just completed, and also the recipients of the banner and the letters of commendation.

Speaking with regard to the Boy Scout movement, Dr. Kotewall supported His Excellency in the stress laid by him on the value of discipline. He also agreed and wished to assure the Scouts themselves that there was not a shred of truth in the insinuation that their movement was a military one. It was a non-political and non-military movement and he for one would never have taken a share in the movement had it been designed for military purposes.

Game Of Life.

Dr. Kotewall again stressed the value of discipline, and reminded the boys that H.E. the Governor had on a previous occasion said that the scout movement was not merely to teach them how to play games, but was to help them to play the game of life.

It had given him (the speaker) much pleasure to be enrolled as one of them, and if at any time he could do anything for them as their President, then they need not be afraid to approach him.

The proceedings were concluded by the assembled scouts raising their hats on their poles and giving cheers, first for H.E. the Chief Scout, and secondly for Lady Clementi, as President of the Girl Guide Association in Hong Kong, and for the Girl Guide movement.

CORRESPONDENCE.**"AMATEUR" CUPS AT THE
FLOWER SHOW.**[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG
DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—I shall be much obliged if you will kindly make known, through the columns of your paper, the conditions governing the "Amateur" Cups, which are kindly being presented by Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. H. Green at the forthcoming Flower Show.

The Cup presented by Mr. Plummer is for the best exhibit of pot plants whilst the Cup presented by Mr. Green is for the best exhibit of vegetables entered in any of the Open or Peak classes by members who have not exhibited before or who have never won a prize at any Flower Show in Hong Kong.

In offering these prizes the donors wish to encourage small gardeners, particularly those who tend their own gardens or keep only one gardener.

Special tickets will be issued on application to those wishing to compete for these cups on which they will be asked to make the following declaration:—

- 1.—I have never won a prize at any Hong Kong Flower Show.
- 2.—I tend my own garden entirely myself or keep only one Chinese gardener.
- 3.—I abide by the Rules of the Society governing ownership and exhibits as printed in the schedule.

I shall be pleased to supply any further information that may be required by intending exhibitors for these "Amateur" Cups—Yours faithfully,

E. B. C. HORNEILL,
Hon. Secretary,
Hong Kong Horticultural Society.

**FIRST BRITISHER TO CLIMB
KILIMANJARO.****INTREPID LADY EXPLORER
IN HONG KONG.****A "HOMELESS TRAMP."**

Miss G. E. Benhan, of London, describing herself as a "homeless tramp," has arrived in Hong Kong on a round the world walking tour.

Miss Benhan said that her intention was to accomplish as much as she could of her journey on foot. She had already walked across Central Africa, New Zealand and thousands of miles in the Himalayas. This is her fourth visit to Hong Kong and her sixth trip round the world. Her return journey lies by way of Guatemala, leaving Hong Kong at the end of this month by boat for Los Angeles, thence by coasting steamer to Guatemala.

Miss Benhan has made three journeys across Central Africa. The route of one, which took her eleven months, lay by way of Nigeria, the Cameroons, the French Congo, Belgian Congo, Uganda (then German East Africa), Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Two Records.

Miss Benhan claims that she must be one of the only "world travellers" not to have written a book on her experiences. "I think that the more people travel the less they write and the less they travel the more they seem to enlarge on it," said Miss Benhan.

The first time that she was in Africa Miss Benhan climbed the Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa. She is the first Britisher to have accomplished this feat. Germans climbed it some time previous to her visit.

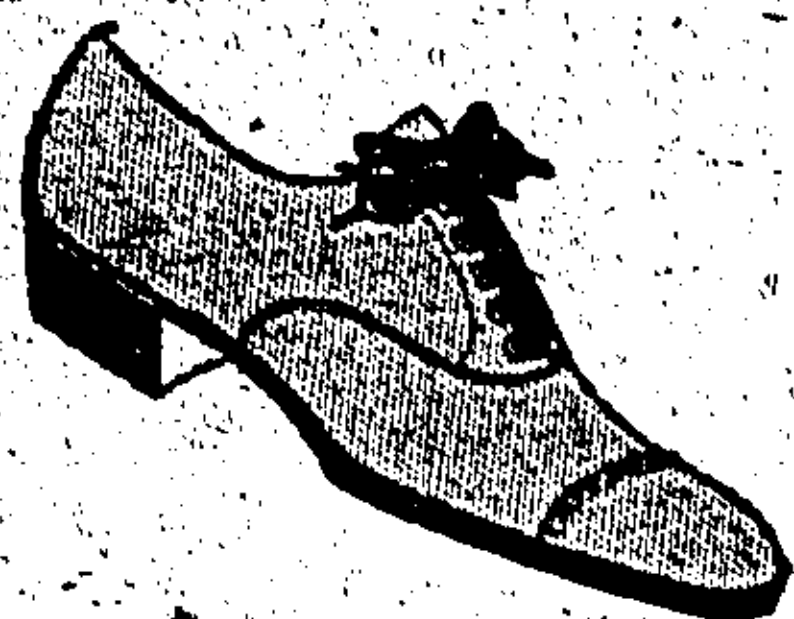
Miss Benhan, who has made all her journeys alone, with a few bearers and native attendants accomplished the last piece of the climb from the plateau to the summit of the Kilimanjaro absolutely by herself, the native having superstitious objections to climbing great heights.

CHANGES IN HARBOUR OFFICE.

With the staff augmented by an Assistant Harbour Master and two boarding officers the Harbour Office has acquired more office accommodation.

The Boarding Office has removed to the two large rooms on the ground floor front of the Harbour Office building, offices previously occupied by the Imports and Exports Department.

The second of these rooms has been especially fitted for examinations, all plans of light fixtures being shattered in order that colour tests may be properly conducted, while the instruments necessary for examination of candidates for deck officer's "tickets" are more easily accessible.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.
THE 37th ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE SOCIETY
WILL BE HELD IN THE
CITY HALL
ON
WEDNESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY,
AT 12 O'CLOCK (NOON)
CHAIRMAN—
Hon. Sir HENRY E. POLLOCK, K.C.
[4542] Mrs. J. H. HUNT,
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at Voluntary Headquarters on THURSDAY, 10th MARCH 1927. Entries will definitely close at 1 P.M. on MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1927, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but intending Exhibitors are requested to send in their entries as early as possible. Schedules are being prepared and will be sent to all Members who have paid their subscription for the current year. Members who have not yet paid their subscription and ALL THOSE who wish to join the SOCIETY are requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNEILL, c/o Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, 9th February, 1927. [4539]

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS & SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG.

WILL Members kindly Note that the ANNUAL DINNER will be held in the ROOMS at 8 P.M. on FRIDAY, the 11th MARCH, 1927. Further information will be issued shortly.
A. LANDSEER,
Hon. Secretary.
[4538]

GOVERNMENT MILLS, ETC.

TENDERS for SPECIE and MELKIAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the Local Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, up to and for the sum of \$100,000, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, until 11 O'CLOCK A.M. on the 10th FEBRUARY, 1927.
The Tenders to state the Total Amount (in Pounds Sterling), No. Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than \$100.
The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC."
The right to accept or reject any of all of the Tenders is reserved.
Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.
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The provisions in question do not apply to Jointly entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company.
H. G. RILEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.F.O.
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hong Kong, 9th February, 1927. [4534]

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Hong Kong, January 16th, 1927. [4441]

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ENTRIES for the MACAO RACE CLOSE on 10th FEBRUARY at 8 P.M. Entry Forms can be had from Messrs. LINDSEY & DAVIES. By kind permission of the Stewards of Hongkong Jockey Club, Members of that Club are Cordially invited to take part in OUR INAUGURAL RACE MEETING which is to be held on 19th and 20th FEBRUARY. Transhipment and Accommodation of Ponies can be arranged with the SECRETARY of this Club.
Macao, 7th February, 1927. [4533]

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12th,
AT 3.15 P.M.
ADMISSION TO PUBLIC ENCLOSURE: \$1.
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SPECIAL TRAIN Leaves Kowloon: 2.07, Between Fares 1st class, \$1.50; 2nd, 30 Cents. Free Parking for Cars off the Course, \$5 Each if Parked Opposite the Stands. [4531]

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Dated the 9th day of February, 1927. [4533]

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4th,
9 P.M.

BIG OF THE DAY:

FANCY DRESS WITH MASKS.

INTIMATIONS.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 12th FEBRUARY, 1927, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th FEBRUARY to the 14th FEBRUARY (both days inclusive). During which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 29th January, 1927. [4490]

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4A, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, both days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th January, 1927. [4488]

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1927, to THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1927, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. B. CRAPPELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, February 5th, 1927. [4515]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CHATRA, HONG KONG, on SATURDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1926.
THE REGISTER OF SHARES OF THE CORPORATION will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY, 1927 (both days inclusive) during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927. [4524]

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DEATH.

JUPE—On February 2nd, at Christ Church, Oxford, of pneumonia, ARTHUR DENIS, dearly loved younger son of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN A. JUPE, of Chislehurst, Kent, and late of Hong Kong. Aged 34. [4540]

Hong Kong Office: 41, Chater Rd.
London Office: 131, Fleet St., E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 10th, 1927.

YOUNG CHINA.

THE emergence into power of what is familiarly known as "Young China" is striking testimony to the changed conditions in this part of the world. The term may be taken to cover the new China which was born in the year of the Revolution and is now entering its teens. Usually, however, the name is applied to the noisy, assertive sections of the student class who, intoxicated with the wine of this new learning, are too impetuous and impatient to await the gradual and normal development of their own country, but want to transform the whole scheme of things as by a wave of a wand. We associate a boisterous enthusiasm, generous impulses, and unbounded zeal for reform with the young man. As with measles this zeal is a social disease that each one must normally catch while the feelings are hot within and the head has not yet taken control. At one period of his life the average, healthy young man must be a socialist or, at least,

a social reformer. That is perfectly understood. What is surprising in China, however, is the great influence wielded by, and the scope allowed to, this group at the present time. China above all countries was a place where wisdom was considered to reside in old heads and where age commanded respect as the source of sound advice and good counsel. Now it is all changed. Parents confess in China that they have no control over their offspring. They have abdicated from their position of authority. They still, perhaps, assert their parental control over the choice of a wife and in some other, presumably from the young man's point of view, minor domestic affairs, but in the realm of politics, they have surrendered their claims completely. It is as though they tacitly admitted that their efforts had led to failure, and that as the future is with youth, so the making of the future should be committed to its hands. The young men, it seems, have not won their place in opposition to their fathers, but have established themselves either with their connivance or with their open approval.

The Southern armies are regularly accompanied by a corps of immature young men, who have imbibed the doctrines of the new political faith under Russian guidance, without, of course, being able to grasp the full significance of its meaning. They make up for lack of cool reflection and understanding, by an earnestness and fervour, which must be respected because the youths firmly believe that their teaching will lead to the millennium in their country. The arrival of the Southern army in a town such as Foochow, for example, coincides with an intensive campaign of political oratory. The youngsters swarm into every part of the city as the evangelists of a new and living faith and the remarkable thing is that they infect their hearers, who crowd around them, with their own political discontent and rage for upheaval.

It would appear that the Chinese with their traditional respect for learning and reverence for the printed word, which formerly they associated with the sages, or the old scholars, are deserting the latter because they no longer regard them as the repositories of human wisdom. Though the young man in himself may not be acceptable, he does represent a new learning which is said to be far more potent than the old. Like the woman who suffered from the issue of blood, and for eighteen years spent all her money in seeking health from the old doctors, and was not a whit better, they turn to some thing new, no matter in what it is embodied, in the hope that good may come. Hitherto the Chinese have looked back to the past, and up in reverence to the old men who, in a way, represented it, in the belief that the methods, customs and policy which served to preserve and protect the race up to that point, were the safest to adhere to. They realised that the slow process of race consolidation and its stability might easily be jeopardised by innovations and experiments out of line with old traditions.

The contrast on the surface at the present moment is striking. We say, on the surface, advisedly, for the voices of change are always more strident and therefore more prominent, than the deeper, quieter and, perhaps, more powerful, conservative voices, which speak, and speak effectively, in the long run. The power and the utility of a machine or an engine are not usually measured by the noise it makes.

On Tuesday one Chinese case of enteric fever was reported.

At the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, this evening, Mr. J. H. Hunt, the Secretary, is to give a talk on every-day art.

Lady Clementi will distribute the prizes to-day, at 5.30 p.m., at the Canosian Institute, Italian Convent School, 38, Caine Road.

The President and members of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, are holding an "at home" at the Club House on Saturday, at 4.30 p.m.

The annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong is to be held at the Institution at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 11th.

Members are reminded that the adjourned extraordinary general meeting of the Kowloon Football Club takes place at the Club House this evening at six o'clock.

The 37th annual meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, has been fixed to take place at the City Hall on Wednesday, February 23rd, at noon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., will preside.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Robert Woolley, Staff Sergeant, R.A.S.C., residing at the Garrison Sergeants' Mess, Queen's Road, to Miss Amy Allerton, hospital sister, residing at the Kowloon Hotel.

Members and subscribers are reminded that the fancy dress dance to be held at the Peak Club takes place to-morrow evening. The function begins at 9 a.m. Applications for tickets should be made immediately to the No. 1 Boy at the Peak Club, or to Mr. E. B. C. Horneill, the Hon. Secretary.

A musicale will be held at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, February 17th, at 5.30 p.m. Items will be given by Mrs. R. Sanger, Mrs. S. S. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith. Tickets including ten 50 cents each, must be booked at the Secretary's office before noon on the 17th inst.—ADV.

Charged formally, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday morning, the two remaining *Sunning* piracy suspects, whose case had to be postponed until their discharge from hospital, were remanded until to-day, when Mr. T. H. King, the Director of Criminal Intelligence, will proceed with the case.

Mr. Abe Akimizu, the famous Japanese walker, who was recently in the Colony in the course of his world tramp, has arrived in Canton from Hong Kong. Mr. Akimizu followed the Canton-Kowloon Railway line very closely, covering the distance of approximately ninety miles in exactly 20 hours, states the *Canton Gazette*.

Among the passengers who arrived here by the s.s. *Change* were Mr. C. V. Holt and Mr. R. B. V. Buckersfield of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, Hong Kong, Mr. James Vernon, Capt. J. Legge, Miss F. K. Levenson, and Mr. S. T. Fox, Butterfield and Swire, Hong Kong, and Mr. Fox, Miss Fox, and Master H. Fox. Mr. J. Purcell, of Harry Wicking & Co., Mr. H. F. Chandler, of the same firm, and Mr. G. R. Bowker, of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Entries for the Macao Race Meeting, under the auspices of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., close to-day at 8 p.m. Entry forms can be had from Messrs. Linstead & Davies. By permission of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, members of that Club are cordially invited to take part in the inaugural Race Meeting which is to be held on February 16th and 20th. Transhipment and accommodation of ponies can be arranged with the Secretary of this Club.

The Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, left for Home on leave yesterday by the Elms Funnel liner *Sarpedon*. His Lordship embarked in a launch from Queen's Pier at 11 a.m. for the liner which was seen off by several friends and colleagues, including Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (Puisne Judge, now acting Chief Justice), Mr. J. H. B. Nuall (Assistant Attorney-General, who will now act as Puisne Judge), Mr. A. Dyer Ball, Mr. C. D. Melbourne and Mr. H. A. Nisbet.

Resolving of probate of the will of the late Rev. John Browne O.S.A. of Colney Heath Vicarage, St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, who died on November 29th, 1925, at Smallford Railway Station, Hertford, has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, solicitor, Hong Kong, the appointed attorney of Mrs. Mary Jane O'S., the sole executrix and the sole beneficiary under the will. The deceased left a net estate in the United Kingdom of £1,973, and net estate in Hong Kong of \$15,323. Deceased also held \$5,107 for his widow. The date of the will is October 15th, 1925.

William Heughan, the Scottish actor-singer who made such a hit in Hong Kong on his two visits here, is being loudly acclaimed by the Press of the United States and Canada. The musical critic of the *Chicago Daily Tribune* says:—"Heughan has, I honestly believe, the finest bass voice in the world." Mr. Heughan is returning to England in April, for a tour of Great Britain.

Entries in connection with the annual flower show of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society, which is to be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, March 10th, will close at 1 p.m. on Monday, February 28th, at the Hon. Secretary's office, but intending exhibitors are asked to send in their entries as early as possible. Schedules are in course of preparation and will be sent to all members who paid their subscriptions for the current year.

With regard to the case of the five *foies* of a shop in Graham Street, who were removed on Tuesday morning to the Government Civil Hospital after eating a meal, which is presumed to have contained poisonous substances, enquiries yesterday showed that one of the victims was discharged from the hospital soon after admission, while the other four "are doing nicely." One or two platters of meat, including some chicken, have been taken to the Government Analyst, and his report as to the exact nature of the poisoning will be made known later.

A Chinese who was charged with attempting to rob the Yee On Co. at Des Voeux Road West, on January 28th, at about 9 p.m., was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon. Defendant was alleged to have gone to the shop in company with two others not in custody and induced the master of the shop to leave his place of business on the pretext that his nephew was very ill. After the master had left the shop, defendant and his two companions began, to break open the safe, but were caught in the act by a *foi*. Two of the men escaped and the defendant was caught after a chase along Water Street.

BRITISH WARSHIPS FOR PORTUGAL.

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

AMERICAN LEGATION COMPLAINT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
GIBRALTAR, February 8th.
The cruiser *Comus* has left for Lisbon and the destroyers *Windor* and *Westminster* for Oporto, to protect British interests.
[Yesterday we published a Reuter report to the effect that a revolt had broken out at Oporto and the rebels were being bombarded by Government forces.]
[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, Feb. 9th.
Little reliable news is available of events at Lisbon and Oporto where the revolutionary movement is in progress. A British cruiser has been despatched from Gibraltar to Lisbon and two destroyers to Oporto to protect British lives and interests should they be endangered during the disturbances.
[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9th.
The State Department is informed by the American Minister at Lisbon that the American Legation has repeatedly been "hit by rifle and machine gun bullets and therefore abandoned. The Minister describes the situation as very serious. Reuter learns that the United States Government have no intention at present of sending warships to Portuguese waters.

BRITISH UNEMPLOYMENT DECREASING.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, February 9th.
A further reduction of over 17,000 is recorded in the latest weekly return of persons unemployed in Britain.

AIR MAIL SERVICE IN PERSIA.

INAUGURATED TO-DAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TEHRAN, February 9th.
The first weekly North Persian air mail service has been inaugurated. A German Junkers machine has started to-day towards Enzeli en route for Russia.

PARLIAMENT AND THE CHINA CRISIS.

MR. J. R. MACDONALD'S AMIABLE OPTIMISM.

PRIME MINISTER'S REVIEW OF THE FACTS.

TROOPS MAY STAY IN HONG KONG.

During the course of the debate on the speech from the Throne, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald expressed the opinion that the Government were entirely in error in making provision for the defence of Shanghai. He feared the effect of the despatch of troops would be to unite China against us.

The Prime Minister, in reply, emphasised the impossibility of guaranteeing the safety of British lives and property except by force of arms, and referred pointedly to the Hankow incidents.

The strength of the force to be landed would depend on the local situation. If there were no signs of an emergency the leading brigade would remain at Hong Kong for the time being.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Cabinet Resolution.

Mr. Baldwin read the following resolution passed by the Cabinet yesterday:—

"That the general policy of the Government be based on the following considerations: Our troops are sent to the Far East to safeguard British life in China, and particularly at Shanghai; that was and is the only policy of the Government. The question of the time at which and the manner and the number in which troops should be landed at Shanghai must, obviously, depend on the local situation and the advice we receive from our representatives on the spot. If they consider that the emergency requires the immediate disembarkation at Shanghai we shall act accordingly. If not the leading Brigade of troops will be held in readiness at Hong Kong, whilst the rest of the force is approaching. There can, of course, be no question of entering into any arrangement with Mr. Eugene Chen or anybody else in connection with the movement of troops which were despatched solely with the object of protecting British life." (Ministerial cheers.)

"A Possible Massacre."

Mr. Baldwin assured Mr. Ramsay MacDonald that all the points the latter had put had been considered by the Government, but the Government's responsibility gave the factors rather a different weight. Appearances in China to-day, recalled what was seen shortly before the Boxer troubles. The danger lay not merely from a mob in Shanghai, but the possibility was shown at Hankow that if bloodshed was begun, Chinese troops would be fighting with the mob and with a possible massacre of Whites. Mr. Baldwin said that as regards the situation at Hankow, nothing had occurred to make us alter our determination to achieve our ends by negotiation. Mr. O'Malley was at this moment awaiting a further communication from Mr. Chen, and possibly, the Government, by Thursday, would be able to tell the House something more in that connection.

Recognition of South Impossible.

In emphasising British neutrality in Chinese internal affairs, the Premier said that the South would like us to declare that they are the Government of China when they hold authority over but a fraction thereof. It was impossible for us to do that as it was impossible for us to help the North in various directions they would like. Nobody knew when China would again be united or what form a united China might take. Nothing New For China. To-day's events were nothing new in the history of China, for they were common to every period of Dynastic breakdown. It was our earnest desire, from motives of self-interest if for no other, that the period should be shortened to the utmost. In the meantime, we do and are doing what we could by getting on with the most generous offer to the North and South by discussing the object of coming together, in the hope that when the internal struggles were ended we would enter on new friendly and propitious relations with a great and united country with which in the past we had been on wholly friendly relations and relations of service to both sides—relations which, in view of our position in Asia and the East, must play a great and growing part in the peace and prosperity of the whole Eastern Hemisphere. (Cheers.)

Labour Amendments.

The Labour Party lodged two amendments, namely on the question of China and the Trade Union Bill. The debate was adjourned. The Opposition will move its amendment to the Address to China on Thursday, when Sir Austen Chamberlain will make an exhaustive statement. A full debate will follow. The House of Lords adopted the Address and will debate China tomorrow, on the motion of Lord Farmoor. (Labour.)

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BRITISH PUBLIC OPINION.

SUPPORT FOR CABINET POLICY.

GENERAL PRESS APPROVAL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, February 9th.

A survey of the press shows that the hopeful references to the Chinese situation in the King's speech and the reassuring statement of Cabinet policy made in Parliament by the Premier express completely the general sentiment of the British public.

The *Times* says that Mr. Baldwin's statement leaves little opening for criticism. It reaffirms in unassailable terms the principles and plans which underlie British policy.

The *Daily Telegraph* discusses the statement that the actual disembarkation at Shanghai would be decided in accordance with the facts of the local situation and that if an immediate landing there were not advised by the British representatives on the spot the troops would in any case be held in readiness at Hong Kong. It remarks that the question is one of security and nothing else. If that can actually be guaranteed by the presence of the defence force at such a distance from the place where protection may be required public opinion will be satisfied.

The *Morning Post* says Mr. Baldwin's statement will be heartily approved throughout the country.

The *Daily Express* welcomes the emphasis which was again laid on the fact that troops have been despatched only for the protection of lives against mob violence and armed attack and that Britain will maintain her traditional policy of non-interference in Chinese internal affairs. "Britain once more offers to remove all real grievances and to establish relations of friendship and good will. That is an unimpeachable policy and one that is bound to succeed if China cares to emulate Great Britain in the matter of good faith and straight-forwardness."

The *Daily News* believes that changes for the better in China during the past few days hold out a reasonable chance of a peaceful issue being reached. It adds that as the British proposals and realise something of their enormous significance to the future of China. These proposals are the best possible answer to Russian propaganda against Britain.

The *Manchester Guardian* referring to the decision regarding the troops, says:—"We are now broadly in line with the United States who have also strengthened their forces in Far Eastern waters but have declined to dispatch any to Shanghai itself until the necessity arises."

THE ANGLO-AMERICAN ENTENTE.

CURIOUS FRENCH COMMENT.

The Paris press continues to feature the crisis in China. *Figaro* in an article entitled the Anglo-American entente says that the Chinese drama and its repercussions all over Asia will severely strain Anglo-American co-operation and thinks that British must now begin to realise the price she paid by "sacrificing the Anglo-Japanese alliance on the altar of American friendship." Britain doubtless feels, although she does not complain openly, that American support, the financial importance whereof she recognises, is too slow to make itself felt in other spheres.

PEKING ORDERS SURTAX COLLECTION.

OPPOSITION TO BE INGORED.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 9th. According to a Chinese telegram from Shanghai, it was decided at a Cabinet meeting at Peking yesterday that an order be immediately issued to instruct the newly appointed Inspector-General of Chinese Customs to authorise the early imposition of the 2.5 per cent. surtax in all Customs Houses, regardless of any opposition raised by foreign merchants.

It was also decided that in case the imposition of the surtax through existing Customs Houses is impracticable, another plan—probably through banking circles—should be adopted and be referred to the Ministry of Finance and the Taxation Office.

The opinion was expressed that Dr. Wellington Koo has caused the dismissal of Sir Francis Aglen and in order to "save face" it was impossible for the Peking Government to yield to the Diplomatic Corps and reinstate him.

BATTLE FOR SHANGHAI?

SOUTHERNERS NOW CLAIM SUCCESS.

THE HONAN SITUATION.

Following yesterday's report of an important success for Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's forces in Chekiang, who were said to have almost cleared the province of Cantonese troops, we have to-day from Shanghai native and Cantonese sources claims of a Southern victory.

We give the news for what it is worth, and with both sides claiming victory little more can be deduced than that the big battle for Shanghai may have opened.

From the Honan theatre of war comes the news, from a Chinese telegram, that Fengtienese troops have been ordered to cross the Yellow River and proceed to the support of Wu-Fei-fa whose attack on an important strategic point is held up by the continued disloyalty of his subordinates.

Yesterday Reuter reported fairly confidently that Sun Chuen-fang's troops had gained an important success.

FIGHTING ON THE TSINTANG RIVER.

CANTONESE ADVANCING.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 9th. It is learned from Kuomintang circles in Canton, that a telegram has been received from Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi and the Kuomintang army headquarters, to the effect that serious fighting is in progress in Chekiang along the Taitang River and according to latest reports from the war zone, decisive successes have been gained by the Kuomintang troops who are pursuing the enemy forces to Peking and Chekiang about 100 miles South of Hangchow. The report further states that General Ho Ying Yuen, the Kuomintang Commander of the 1st Army Corps is establishing his headquarters at Lankai, on the upper part of the Taitang River and General Pak Sung Chi, another Kuomintang field commander, will shortly arrive there to meet General Ho.

FURTHER CANTONESE REPORTS.

We learn from a Chinese source that though the above mentioned report appeared in Canton papers there may be a certain foundation in the report.

As to reports from Shanghai Marshal Sun Chuen-fang has instructed his authorities to censor the news very carefully.

It is also reported from Canton that Chen Tao Yuen, the Tapan of Anhui and a supporter of Marshal Sun Chuen-fang is going to declare his independence and may possibly go over to the Kuomintang. It is stated that Kuomintang flags are flying over Anking, the capital of that province, and a Kuomintang party branch is being established there.

NORTHERN TROOPS FOR HONAN.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 9th. Marshal Wu Pei-fu still hesitating to launch an attack on the Southerners at Wusungwan, a strategic point at the extreme southern border of Honan, because he has a very uncertain hold on his troops, and in view of this Marshal Chang Tso Lin is ordering all Fengtienese detailed for service in Honan to cross the Yellow River.

According to latest report, an important conference was called on the 7th instant at Hangchow, Northwest Kiangsi, by Chu Ya-Po, the Tapan of Chihli and at this meeting were Ku Ying Che, the Tapan of Honan, Hsu Yuen Chun and Kao Jin Chai, two of General Chang Tsung-chang's subordinates. It was decided that the 8th Shantung Army Corps headed by General Sun, Tan Ying, another of Chang Tsung-chang's subordinates, be immediately sent to Honan while the 8th Army Corps also under one of Chang Tsung-chang's officers, be concentrated at Peking, near Nanking, to await instructions to move Southwards.

General Chang Juen Yin, one of Marshal Sun's subordinates, is despatching one brigade to Suenchow in Anhui to reinforce General Chan Tao Yuen in his defence against an expected invasion by the Southern forces in South Anhui.

[NAVY WIRELESS.]

ON THE YANGTSE.

TROOP MOVEMENTS CONTINUE.

ICHANG, February 8th. Martial law has been proclaimed, and all passing vessels are obliged to make a stop for military inspection. A large commemorative demonstration was held to-day, but there was no untoward incident. Troop movements on an extensive scale continue.

A strike of houseboys is threatened for Thursday. The officers of the British men-of-war are being granted leave to visit the Concession, but ratings are only landed on the Bund for the purpose of exercise.

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MORE CHINESE MEMBERS.

NINE SEATS ON SHANGHAI SHANGHAI COUNCIL.

CHINESE RATEPAYERS' DEMAND.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 9th.

The Chinese Ratepayers' Association which is entrusted with the election of three Chinese to the Shanghai International Municipal Council now demand the election of nine Chinese as the present Council consists of nine foreigners and on the ground that the British proposals have offered the Chinese a share in the administration of the Concessions.

At the annual meeting of foreign ratepayers it was agreed that three Chinese should be elected to the Council.

HANKOW NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE.

HANKOW, Feb. 8th.

Following a two-hour meeting yesterday afternoon, Mr. Eugene Chen and Mr. O'Malley again met this morning.

It is learned that they are examining the position created by Mr. Chen's statement refusing to sign an agreement while British forces are concentrating at Shanghai, with a view to ascertaining whether the difficulty can be surmounted.

PEKING CONSIDERING.

PEKING, Feb. 8th.

It is unofficially but reliably reported that the Cabinet to-day discussed Britain's latest proposals but decided not to reply thereto until the British Reply to the Note regarding the despatch of troops had been received.

SHANGHAI A NEUTRAL ZONE.

JAPANESE OBJECTION.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 9th.

According to a Chinese telegram from Shanghai Great Britain's attitude is in complete harmony with that adopted by America towards the proposal that Shanghai should be kept free from the civil war between the South and North and that fighting should be prevented within a radius of 30 miles of Shanghai. But, according to the same report, Japan has raised an objection and the Japanese Minister at Peking, it is reported, is to see Marshal Chang Tso Lin who is ready to negotiate on this matter.

GUAM MARINES FOR SHANGHAI.

DESPATCHED ON U.S.S. "PECOS."

According to the *Manila Times* of last Thursday the detachment of Guam Marines ordered to the Philippines by the Navy Department, were to arrive at Cavite last Friday morning on the navy transport *Gold Star*.

The sea-going soldiers were to be immediately dispatched to Shanghai on the U.S.S. *Pecos*, of the Asiatic Fleet, which was then preparing for a fast trip. It is evident, comments the *Manila Times*, that the Navy Department considers the situation in China as serious as the orders to hold the Guam marines at Cavite when they should arrive have been cancelled.

Marine officers at Cavite, doubt if there are 300 marines on board the *Gold Star* as stated in press dispatches. They say that at the time orders were received by the commandant of the detachment, there were not 300 marines on the island. However, it is possible that the Guam detachment was reinforced by the detachment that left Manila last month on the *Huron*, former flagship of the Asiatic Fleet.

MORE FOREIGNERS LEAVING.

[NAVY WIRELESS.]

CHUNGKING, February 8th. More missionaries have come from the interior, and about eighty will leave down river on Thursday.

EXECUTIONS AT KIUKIANG.

KIUKIANG, February 8th. There was considerable excitement in Kiukiang to-day, crowds running down the Bund. Two platoons of bluejackets were landed from the ships to investigate the cause. It was ascertained that there had been a public execution of Northern spies, and the execution were withdrawn without incident.

AMERICA'S NEW PRESIDENT.

MR. COOLIDGE NOT TO BE RE-ELECTED?

THIRD TERM AGAINST U.S.A. CUSTOM.

FRIENDS THINK OTHERWISE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, February 8th.

That President Coolidge will not seek re-election to the Presidency in 1928 is the opinion expressed in a speech by Dr. Butler, President of Columbia University. He expressed the view that it would be fatal for the Republicans to raise the third-term issue and declared that one of the deepest and most persistent convictions of the American people was that no president should hold office three times. President Coolidge's common sense would lead him to announce his unwillingness to stand when the proper time came.

Dr. Butler stated that farm relief and foreign policy would be the main issues of the Presidential campaign. He declared that no one who was not frankly "wet" would stand a chance.

While Dr. Butler disclaimed direct information, significance is attached to the fact that he spent the week-end at White House.

In connection with the speculation as to whether President Coolidge will accept nomination for re-election in 1928, it is interesting to note that while the President refuses to discuss the question of his own re-election, it is he would accept nomination if it were offered to him, while still more enthusiastic friends are declaring that if business conditions in the United States continue prosperous he will receive nomination "on the platter." Senator Borah, who like Dr. Butler is believed to be hoping for nomination sent a letter to the latter to-day promising to help him to make Prohibition an issue at the next Presidential Convention. Unlike Dr. Butler, however, Senator Borah is seeking nomination as a dry advocate.

"PRESIDENT HARDING" IN DIFFICULTIES.

OIL FUEL LEAKS AWAY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

HALIFAX, February 8th. The United States liner *President Harding* has been brought in by three tugs, her fuel supply exhausted, owing to leaking oil tanks. The tugs picked up the liner helpless when 30 miles out. The crew were then chopping up the hatch compartments to provide fuel to cook food for shivering passengers.

IMMIGRATION LAW TO STAND.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, February 8th. The new immigration quotas, even if finally adopted, cannot be effective before July, 1928, instead of in 1927. In consequence the Senate have passed a resolution in favour of postponement which the House Immigration Committee has approved.

The Committee has also drafted an amendment repealing the new provision altogether and leaving regulations governing immigration on the existing basis.

ITALIAN AVIATOR'S PLAN.

ROUND AND ABOUT THE WORLD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, February 8th. The Marquis De Pinedo is about to start on another world flight, this time the Atlantic, South America, Samoa, New Zealand, Australia, Tokyo, Peking, Calcutta, Arabia, Italian Somaliland, Durban and Capetown.

THE DRUM COLOGHER CINEMA DISASTER.

IRISH GOVERNMENT ABANDON PROSECUTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 8th. The State has abandoned the prosecution of William Forde and Patrick Downing in connection with the Drum Cologher cinema fire. It was stated that the object of the prosecution had been attained by the warning publicly given through the steps taken.

Forty-seven lives were lost in the cinema fire at Drumcologher, in County Limerick. The fire started in the operator's box, close to the only exit. The Coroner's jury found that the fire was caused by a lighted candle falling on exposed film. The jury found the operator guilty of negligence in leaving the film exposed, and held that there was carelessness on the part of the promoter in leaving a lighted candle on the table. Forde was the owner and Downing the lessee of the cinema.

TROOPS LEAVE HONG KONG.

DURHAMS AND GLOUCESTERS.

BOUND FOR SHANGHAI.

The 2nd Batt. of the Durham Light Infantry and the 2nd Batt. of the Gloucester regiment left for Shanghai yesterday on the s.s. *Takliwa* and the s.s. *Fama*, the steamers which brought them to Hong Kong.

The troops arrived on Monday and Tuesday and remained on board whilst waiting instructions from Home.

The s.s. *Sirkana* with the Punjab is expected to-day or to-morrow. No definite plans have been made regarding the destination of the British Division. It was rumoured that all were to be stationed for some time at any rate, in Hong Kong, but now the probabilities seem to be that one Brigade will go to Shanghai, one will stay in Hong Kong and one will stay in Singapore.

MORE DESTROYERS.

8TH FLOTILLA LEAVES HOME.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 8th. The flotilla leader *Bruce* and the destroyers *Thracian*, *Seraph*, *Scorpio*, *Sirdar*, *Stormcloud*, *Somme*, *Sterling* and *Sepoy* have left for China from Sheerness.

These boats comprise the 8th Destroyer Flotilla, which is commanded by Capt. C. H. G. Benson, D.S.O. (Seniority June 30th, 1924).

The following are other details: H.M.S. *Bruce*, Flotilla Leader of 1,600 tons, carrying five 4.7 guns and three anti-aircraft guns. Commanded by Lieut.-Com. J. P. White, D.S.C.

H.M.S. *Sepoy* (Lieut.-Com. A. I. Pears).

H.M.S. *Seraph* (Lieut.-Com. G. M. Crockett).

H.M.S. *Scorpio* (Commander L. D'O. Hignell).

H.M.S. *Sirdar* (Lieut.-Com. C. G. N. Graham).

H.M.S. *Somme* (Lieut.-Com. F. S. W. de Winton).

H.M.S. *Sterling* (Lieut.-Com. S. H. T. Arliss).

H.M.S. *Stormcloud* (Lieut.-Com. P. H. G. James).

H.M.S. *Thracian* (Lieut.-Com. R. Nash, D.S.C.).

All the above seven destroyers are of 1,075 tons and carry three 4-inch guns.

INDIAN CURRENCY CONTROVERSY.

VOTE OF CENSURE ON GOVERNMENT CARRIED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8th. The Legislative Assembly by 52 votes to 45 have carried a motion censuring the Government for its decision to postpone the Exchange Ratio Bill.

The Government spokesmen had declared that the House must weigh the advantages and disadvantages of the two ratios after knowing whether under the 16d. ratio it may be called upon to abandon the policy of a remission of provincial contributions and impose additional taxation which may hamper railway development.

(It may be remembered that on February 6th the Indian National Congress Executive decided by 5 votes to 1 to direct its party members on the Legislative Assembly to support the sixteenpenny rupee ratio, but it is understood that the Government is determined to enact an eighteenpenny ratio, even by resorting to the Governor-General's power of certifying the Bill as essential for the interests of the country, whereby it would come into operation forthwith.)

WORK FOR BRITISH SHIPYARDS.

SIX OIL TANK SHIPS FOR U.S.A.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, February 8th. In face of strong competition from Continental shipbuilders, British firms have secured orders for six oil tank vessels for the Oil Refining Company of Pittsburgh, United States of America. The total value of the contracts is about one million pounds.

AMERICAN RAIL SPECULATION.

ERRATIC PRICES AND INTERVENTION POSSIBLE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 8th. Traders short of Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad stock and hoping for relief when the market opened were grievously disappointed to find stock open and ten points higher. Shares later changed hands at 130 which is a rise of over 100 in a few weeks. The stock later sagged to 100 on reports that the Stock Exchange board was contemplating intervention.

FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICES v. CHINA 1.

Playing on the Hong Kong F.C. ground yesterday evening, the Services beat a combined Chinese team by nine goals to one. The attendance was meagre and after the Services had put on six goals, several of the seat holders left the ground. The weather was cold and light showers fell just before the game started. It was 4.15 p.m. when the teams took the field, although the game was advertised to start at 3.30 p.m. The Services relied on the same team that beat Shanghai last week by seven goals to four.

The teams were:—

China.—Ho (E. China); Voong and Lau Kau (E. China); Hu (E. China); Wong Shui Wa (S. China); and Liang (E. China); Tso Kwai Sing, Fung King Cheong and Ip Kau (S. China); Lai Wai Tong and Chen (E. China).

United Services.—Avery; Trim and Baker; Everest, Simms and King; Barkham, Stock, Northey, McGlinchey and Rev. Alexander.

Referee: Mr. Baldwin.

The Services soon took the lead from a penalty, Alexander converting. After this the game was keenly contested for about ten minutes, but then the Chinese went to pieces and the Services rattled on five more goals in quick time. Alexander was in fine fettle on the wing and from his centre, Northey turned the ball into the net. Before this, Fung King Cheong had put the teams on level terms following a weak clearance by Avery. Northey again converted from a centre by Alexander. A peculiar goal was then scored by Alexander. The ball came over from the right and Northey close in headed the ball which went out to the left; Alexander returned and the ball hit the upright rebounded across the goal mouth back to Alexander; the referee blew his whistle and pointed to the centre of the field. Being close up, Mr. Baldwin had no doubt that the ball crossed the goal line. China made one or two visits to the Services' goal but lacked finish, Lai Wai Tong was defunct with his shooting. Another burst by Alexander and a shot at goal, the ball striking the post and coming back to Stock who returned it into the net. Before the half-time whistle sounded, Northey had run through but his shot hit Ho in goal and came out to the left, Alexander sending the ball into the net. Services 6, China 1.

For the first fifteen minutes of the second half, China quite held their own. In fact with a little stinging in their shooting they should have reduced the Services lead for the forwards broke through the defence several times but failed to pass Avery.

Northey scored two fine goals in quick time, sending the ball on each occasion out of Ho's reach with a fast cross shot.

Stock scored a beautiful goal after Northey had been beaten close in. Lai Wai Tong should have scored but sent the ball straight to Avery. Alexander worked in from the wing and shot hard, Ho falling on the ball and then clearing. Simms sent in a fast shot, the ball striking the foot of the upright and shooting across goal and out of play. Alexander brought the ball close into Ho before he was beaten. The final whistle sounded with the Services winners by nine goals to one.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, February 8th.
League football matches played to-day resulted (home team given first):—

English League: Div. II. Grimsby 4, Middlesbrough 7.
Division III. (North).
Stockport 3, Accrington 3.
Scottish League: Div. I.
St. Mirren 3, Clyde 2.
Partick 1, Queen's Park 7.

HOCKEY.

Playing on the United Services Recreation Club ground last evening, the Hong Kong Hockey Club drew with the Royal Navy, after a well contested game.
The score was one goal each.

CRICKET.

MEDICAL FACULTY v. ARTS FACULTY.

The second of the Inter-Faculty matches was played yesterday afternoon on the University Union ground between the Medical and Arts Faculties and resulted in a win for the latter by 14 runs after a very exciting finish.

The medics batted first and made 157 runs of which A. A. Ramjahn contributed 58. Yeoh secured 4 wickets for 50 runs. The Arts then found runs hard to get but they stuck to it gamely and eventually succeeded in winning by one wicket.

Scores:—

MEDICAL.

D. Laing, b Yeoh 1
A. A. Ramjahn, b Yeoh 58
E. A. Lee, c Baker, b Yeoh 26
H. Q. Hunt, c Gittens, b Yeoh 4
C. K. Ong, run out 4
C. W. Lam, c Noronha, b S. V. Gittens 20
M. B. Osman, run out 0
B. N. Sudan, c Edwards, b S. V. Gittens 3
S. T. Lok, not out 19
J. W. Barnes, c Edwards, b F. Zimmermann 0
A. Chan Fook, c Baker, b F. Zimmermann 0
Extras 21
Total 157

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
S. V. Gittens	10	3	38	2
T. E. Yeoh	18	1	50	4
F. Zimmermann	7.5	0	41	2
E. Zimmermann	1	0	6	0

ARTS.

S. V. Gittens, b E. A. Lee 10
E. Zimmermann, b Ramjahn 23
T. E. Yeoh, c Lam, b Ramjahn 20
R. P. Ng, run out 70
W. Hong Sing, c K. T. Lok, b Ramjahn 0
J. E. Noronha, b Ramjahn 8
F. Zimmermann, b Ramjahn 5
S. Hachiuma, c Lee, b Lam 14
F. H. J. Traves, b Lam 10
A. Baker, c Lok, b Lee 1
G. G. Edwards, not out 1
Extras 9
Total 171

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
C. W. Lam	10.5	0	49	9
A. A. Ramjahn	15	1	74	5
E. A. Lee	7	0	39	2

Sindhi Merchants v. I.R.C.

Providing business permits—there will be a tourist ship in port during week-end—the Sindhi merchants have arranged to play a match against the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI on the latter's ground on Sunday afternoon.

This will be the first time the Sindhi have played cricket here.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. H.M.S. "Tamar."

This League match will be played on Saturday on the H.K.C.C. ground, commencing at 2.15.

H.K.C.C.—P. Jacks, H. C. Burgess, J. D. Crawford, R. W. Lee, D. E. G. Nicholson, F. T. Orr, H. Standage, H. J. Stevenson, J. A. Summers, C. D. Wales, and W. Wooding.

DURHAMS' CAPITAL SOCCER TEAM.

DEFEATED THE R.A. AT KOWLOON.

The Durhams Light Infantry defeated the Royal Artillery in a fast and exciting football game on the Kowloon ground on Tuesday afternoon. The score was two goals to one.

The Durhams have a very strong team and their combination showed that all the men are well accustomed to playing together. They understand each other, and the defence line was almost impenetrable. The wings are fast and they feed the forwards well. With a little practice, the Durhams will settle down to really good football.

In their match against the R.A., the Durhams drew first blood from a penalty ten minutes after the start, and only fine work by the R.A. goalie prevented further scoring before the interval.

In the second half, the Durhams slackened down to some extent, giving the opportunity to the R.A. to equalise through Routledge. Just before the whistle was blown, the Durhams seem to have picked up their second wind and fine combination on the part of the forward line, culminated in the left outside netting a second goal.

The Durhams were to play the Kowloon team yesterday, but owing to their departure for Shanghai, this had to be cancelled.

RACING NOTES.

[By RAPHER.]

The following are a few of the better times taken during yesterday morning's gallops. They were all on the sand track, which was very heavy, and some of the times were so bad as to be not worth while recording. Views regarding the capabilities of the ponies are being revised almost weekly and this is especially true of the subs. *Kom Tong Hall* is still the outstanding sub. and I think he is the best pony in Mr. Ho Kom Tong's stable. Going along very easily his time for 1½ miles was 43.3; 1.25; 2.05.3; 2.42.3; 3.14.9; last quarter, 31.4. Most of the subs. last quarter's were 34 to 37 on account of the wind being against them and the difficulty of the course. The best gallop was put up by *Canadian* ridden by Mr. Sokloff over 1½ miles. The time was 34; 1.03; 1.42; 2.14; 2.47; last quarter, 33. Other times were as follows:—

White Mouse (Boy), 1½ miles, 44; 1.25.3; 2.05.3; 2.45; 3.30.
Borderer (Boy), and Saheera (Boy), 1 mile, 39.2; 1.15.2; 1.48.1.
Cavite; Bay (Boy), 1 mile, 34.1; 1.11.3; 1.45.
Olo Custom (Boy), 1 mile, 36.3; 1.11; 1.43.2.
The Grig (Boy) and Pearl River (Boy), 1 mile, 43.3; 1.24.2; 1.57.2.
Salvo (Mr. Bott), 1 mile, 35; 1.11; 1.43.2.
But-An-Ben (Boy), 1 mile, 33; 1.13.3; 1.45.2.
Mountain Fox (Mr. Reidy) and Mountain Stag (Boy), 1 mile, 40; 1.15.2; 1.57.3.
Tangle (Mr. Reidy) and Lochaber (Boy), 1 mile, 47; 1.25; 2.05; 2.37.4.
Skidoo (Mr. Brodie) and Scooter (Boy), 1 mile, 41; 1.19; 1.54.2; 2.37.3.
Southampton (Mr. Stanton), 1 mile, 34.2; 1.08; 1.40.3.
The George and Vulture (Boy), 1 mile, 36.3; 1.13; 1.49.
Stonehenge (Boy), 1 mile, 40; 1.15.3; 1.47.4.
Saligia (Mr. Ralph), 1 mile, 38; 1.14.3; 1.46.1.
Demon (Boy) and Bing Boy (Boy), 1 mile, 42.2; 1.34; 2.05; 2.36.2.
Armistice (Boy), 1 mile, 41; 1.20; 1.57; 2.30.
September (Mr. Brodie), 1½ miles, 40; 1.14; 1.49.2; 2.24.2; 2.56.2.
San Francisco Bay (Boy), 1 mile in 1.37.4.
Brigade Call (Mr. Gordon) did 1 mile in 2.29. This pony is very fit.
King of England (Mr. Haimovitch), 1 mile in 1.45. Mr. Dynast's Stable is improving and King of Clubs is a pony that should not be lost sight of.

MORE SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS.

THE TUBERCULAR BRIDGE AT MENAI.

THE MEANING OF "LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE."

Some amusing examples of the unconscious humour of schoolboys' answers to examination questions are given in a selection of "howlers" compiled by Mr. Colin McIlwaine during a recent tour of a number of schools in the south of England.

The selection is published in booklet form by the Lyric Publications, Seaford, Sussex. Following are extracts:—

Scientific.
An oculist is a fish with long legs.
The sublime is a hairy deposit in a cold receptacle.
Barbarians are things put in bicycle wheels to make them run smoothly.

Geographical.
The Menai Straits are spanned by a tubercular bridge.
In Russia there are vast carnivorous forests.

Historical.
Joan of Arc was the wife of Noah.
Dick Turpin rode Black Bess to New York.
The Pope called Henry VIII. "Fido the Offensive."
Boudicca was the Queen of Carthage.

Literary.
Magna Charter said that the King was not to order taxes without the consent of Parliament.
Epics describe the deeds of brave men called epicures.
Pope wrote principally in heroic outlets.
Most of Shakespeare's plays were terrible tragedies.

General.
E. G. means egg sample.
People often lose their consciences when they get ill.
Ambiguity means telling the truth when you don't mean to.
Liberty of conscience means doing wrong and not worrying about it afterwards.

LONELIEST JOB IN THE WORLD.

MR. BALDWIN SAYS IT IS HIS.

OFTEN TIRED BUT NEVER "RATTLED."

"The work of a Prime Minister is the loneliest job in the world," said Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Premier, addressing members of the Worcestershire Unionist Association in his constituency of Bewdley. "It is lonely for this reason—that the Prime Minister cannot share his ultimate responsibility."

"He is in the position of the captain of a ship on the bridge. He must try to look far ahead with much knowledge that is hidden from most of the people of this country. Whether he has done the work well or ill it is impossible for any ephemeral criticism to say. Time alone must be the judge of his work."

That is why the Prime Minister, above all others (Mr. Baldwin went on), must possess his soul in patience and must harden himself to be indifferent to daily criticism. It may be that the foolish which is regarded as foolish at the moment may prove to be good by after events.

Some of you may have read that the Prime Minister was tired, feeble, or rattled. You may take it he is often tired, he may have been feeble, but was never rattled. (Laughter and cheers.)

You may take it from me that what makes the Prime Minister tired when he thinks of it is to see the results of last year's leadership of industrial labour. To see any prospect of improvement in the conditions of our people being dissipated by the folly of the men's own leaders is by far the most depressing fact in position at the present day.

The kind of loyalty that was shown by the men in the war was shown by labour struggles by men to their leaders, but when you watch that kind of loyalty you feel it is worth the finest leadership the world can put forward, and they have not had it. (Cheers.) Many men have said Labour did not have a square deal from me. I think it is a far more serious thing it did not get a square deal from its own leaders. (Cheers.)

It is in the position of Prime Minister that you see so fully wherever it raises its head in every corner of the world. London is like the centre of a giant spider's web, and there is never a silly speech made, from Saskatchewan to Patagonia, but you see the vibration go down the filaments of that web, perhaps causing struggles and perhaps bloodshed at some place ten thousand miles away.

And it is these unseen burdens which have constantly to be borne by those who are responsible for the Governments of the countries of the world to-day. These are the burdens that nothing can lift, but they can be eased, and eased indeed they are in my case by the generosity and affection which you always give me.

The Next Election.

Referring to the next election, Mr. Baldwin said:—
I understand that we shall probably have opponents both from the Liberal and Labour Parties. One of the two undoubtedly will lose his deposit, but I don't know which one. (Laughter.) I don't think they need cause us anxiety.

There will be very few Labour men returned to Parliament who will not have to fight a Tory before getting there.

FORTUNE RENOUNCED BY NUN.

PROTESTANT FATHER'S WILL.

Forced by the will of her father to choose between sacrificing a fortune or renouncing her vows as a nun, Miss Grace Minford, a nun in the convent of the Dominicans, Sisters at Newark, New Jersey, has declared that she will not "avail herself of worldly riches."
Heavenly Father is richer far than my own father," she said, "and my reward will be far greater."
Miss Minford's father, a Protestant, had for years bitterly opposed his daughter's adoption of the Roman Catholic faith, and tried many times to persuade her to leave the convent. "In his will he directed that she should not receive a penny of his £200,000 estate if she persisted in adhering to her order or her church. The will provides, however, that if at any time she changes her mind she shall be automatically reinstated as heiress."

1,794,400 WAR PENSIONS.

4,500 WIDOWS A YEAR RE-MARRY.

At the end of last March, according to the annual report of the Minister of Pensions, the number of persons in receipt of pensions or allowances amounted to 1,794,400. This included 23,800 officers, 1,114 nurses, 509,500 men, 154,000 war widows and 583,000 children.

The total is declining from such causes as death—about 23,000 a year, the re-marriage of widows—about 4,500 a year, and the attainment of the maximum pensionable age by children, who are disappearing from the list at the rate of about 51,000 a year.

New claims to the number of 13,978 were admitted, and fresh claims were still being received at the rate of 850 a week.

During the year 10,058 artificial legs and 1,169 artificial arms were issued, mostly renewals. At the end of the year the number of pensioners for whose artificial limbs the Ministry is responsible was 37,080—1,781 officers and 35,308 other ranks.

Artificial eyes (4,881) were fitted to 3,311 pensioners. First issues of 148 hand-propelled tricycles and 170 invalid chairs were made.

The total expended by the Ministry during the year was £26,916,233, and of this only £2,395,547 was in respect of administrative expenses—about 8½d. in the £. The total expenditure for all services from the establishment of the Ministry was £665,000,000, a sum larger than that of any other country engaged in the Great War.

During the year the staff of the Ministry was reduced by 4,272 to 11,358.

NEVER TO DRIVE AGAIN.

EX-R.A.F. PILOT WHO FELL 9,000 FEET.

"You will be disqualified entirely from holding a licence," said the chairman of the Highgate Bench to Charles Robertson Campbell, 49, a City company director, of Hampsteadway, Golders Green, N.W., who was fined £10 with 23s. costs for driving dangerously.

It was stated that when driving his motor-car in High-street, West, stone, in a zig-zag manner, Campbell collided with a lorry, drove on, and ran into a second lorry. His car was smashed and he sustained an injury to his nose and two black eyes.

It was stated that Campbell served with the Air Force in the war, and had three crashes, including a drop of 9,000 feet, and the accidents left him in a highly nervous state. His friends realised that, because of his health, he ought not to drive a car, and he was ready to surrender his licence.

A charge of being drunk was dismissed.



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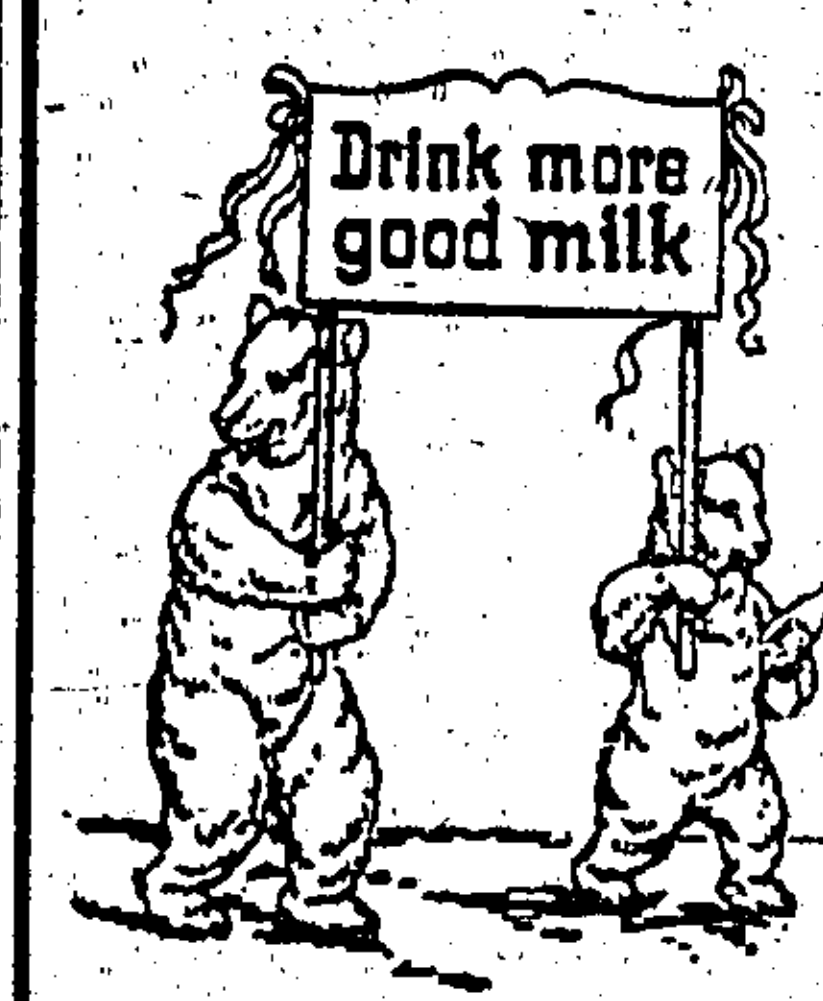
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM EUROPE.

THE Steamship "KNOWSLEY HALL" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence Delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the 14th instant, will be subject to Rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 21st February, 1927, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents, Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927. [4527]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Steamer "MENTOR" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 7th February. Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final point of call to which the option extends. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period. No Claims will be admitted after the 14th instant, will be subject to Rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 28th February, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927. [4525]

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THE SHIP BEAUTIFUL

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A FLOATING HOTEL DE LUXE.

After being out of commission for two months, the Cunard liner *Aquitania* is back in the Transatlantic service and left Southampton early in the year, the Right Hon. J. G. Coates, Prime Minister of New Zealand, the last of the Dominion representatives to the Imperial Conference to leave this country, being among the passengers. During the interval the vessel has not only been completely overhauled, but the period in dry dock has been utilised by the company's engineering and furnishing departments to carry out extensive alterations in the passenger accommodation. Many of the smaller rooms have been amalgamated with the existing suites; the state-rooms have been entirely remodelled, and the *Aquitania*, always known as the "ship beautiful," is now claimed by her designers, with every justification, to have been made a ship still more beautiful.

Loyal Officers and Crew.

To have carried out so complete a change in so limited a time is no ordinary feat. In the usual way something like 1,500 men are engaged on the overhaul, principally concerned with external painting, cleaning, and mechanical repairs, but on this occasion the labour staff was doubled, and the work proceeded all day and night in order that the ship might be ready for sea on her scheduled sailing date. When the *Aquitania* steamed down Southampton Water to all intents and purposes a new ship, it was a remarkable tribute to her popularity, not only amongst the Cunard Company's clientele, but also among those who look to the sea for their livelihood, to know that, although her crew of nearly 1,000 had "stood off" for two months, they have come back to a ship which is in this affection for the pride of the Cunard fleet confined to the lower ratings. Her commander, Sir James Charles, whose sea experience goes back to the early eighties, is making his 100th voyage on the ship which he has come to regard as his home, having missed but five trips since the *Aquitania* was first put into commission in 1914.

Open Fires in State Rooms.

The army of craftsmen employed about the *Aquitania* included bricklayers, for in every public room huge open fires have been built with the orthodox chimneys and flues to carry away the smoke. In two instances of strenuous activity some 250 tons of stone have been altered and entirely redecorated. On "B" deck the two chief suites have been considerably enlarged by making the verandah a part of the sitting-room. The walls have been paneled in hardwood, the ivory base colour being relieved by stripes of cobalt and vermillion. The curtain hangings of blue and grey damask are matched with carpets in blue and silver design.

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One of the suites has been modeled in the Queen Anne style in paneled sycamore. The bed-rooms have been treated with silk fabrics in grey, relieved with red and blue braid. Bedsteads are of oxidized silver, and for the greater convenience of the occupants of these desirable self-contained flats in miniature, baggage grids for trunk wardrobes have been provided. To occupy one of these suites the cost varies from £300 to £400 for each person on a single voyage. In two of the suites the private verandahs have been rebuilt to represent sun rooms similar to those attached to many of the great mansions in America. The walls have been treated so as to look like stonework, and the illusion is quite effective.

Wonderful Decorative Schemes.

Throughout the rooms on this deck where redecoration has taken place there has been a definite colour scheme towards more striking colours and luxuriantness. Satinwood and mahogany have been used most effectively in many of the wall panelings, and there are painted dados with silk fabric. In one the walls are paneled and draped with striped silk in shades of brown, toning from copper to sepia. The curtains of artificial silk and repp are in colour, while the furniture coverings have been carried out in brown, blue, and gold. Most of the rooms on "C" deck now have private shower-baths, and towards the after-part 100 rooms have been replanned, reducing the number by one half, but giving double the accommodation they possessed hitherto. On this deck, too, much thought has been given to the decorative schemes, and some really wonderful results have been achieved, with grey, rose, orange, green, and cream predominating. Below decks there has been a prodigious overhaul.

To wander at random through the corridors, state apartments, and public rooms is in itself an education. One discovers in passing a shopping centre, a recreation room and gymnasium, a swimming bath, a post-office, a library, a hospital, and a host of other things to make for the happiness and complete comfort of the voyager.

INTERNATIONAL SWINDLER SENTENCED.

7 YEARS FOR FRAUDS IN GERMANY.

LONDON CRIMINAL.

Roderick Morison, a former friend of William Cooper Hobbs and one of the most notorious criminals of London's underworld, has been sentenced by a Munich court to seven years' imprisonment for fraud. Herbert Barry, an accomplice, received a similar sentence.

Both men, by working the old confidence trick in a new setting, succeeded, before they fell into the clutches of the German police, in swindling out of large sums of money, a number of Americans travelling on the Continent.

They started operations in May 1925 in Munich by victimizing a Chicago married couple. Barry introduced himself to the Americans as a fellow-countryman, giving his name as Barry Wallis.

The Americans took a walk with their new acquaintance, and an elderly man walking just in front of them was seen to drop a parcel. Barry picked it up and courteously restored it to the stranger, who, humming with gratitude, invited the three to a café close by.

He there introduced himself as Patrick O'Brien, a native of Dublin, and told them his romantic story. He had just had the good luck, he said, to inherit a large fortune.

Nothing would give him greater pleasure than to entrust a few thousand dollars to his new acquaintances to be distributed among the poor of Chicago. He suggested, however, that he and his new friends should first give each other some proof of their trustworthiness. The Americans agreed, and went to the bank, where he drew a considerable sum in dollars. This money, together with five rings and a gold watch and chain, he handed over to the philanthropic Mr. O'Brien, receiving in return an attaché case containing the O'Brien millions.

Both Americans, at the suggestion of Mr. O'Brien, then went for a short walk, taking with them the precious attaché case. They were able to give satisfaction to proof of their honesty by returning with it to the café, whereupon Barry and Mr. O'Brien went off in their turn. O'Brien taking with him the money and valuables entrusted to him by the Chicago tourists.

The Americans awaited their return in vain. Gradually the truth dawned on them, and on opening the attaché case they found it to contain nothing but valueless pieces of paper. O'Brien, alias Morison, and Wallis, alias Barry, successfully performed the same trick in Berlin on July 4th, their victim on this occasion being the manager of a drapery store in Los Angeles.

Elusive Genius. "Bob" Morison, as he is called, has been known to Scotland Yard for years as a notorious confidence man and card-sharp, and as an associate of international criminals. He was a close friend of William Cooper Hobbs, the arch conspirator of the "Mr. A" case, and was both feared and respected among London criminals.

Morison was the organising genius of many large coups, but he was so careful to keep in the background that Scotland Yard found it difficult to work up a case against him, and during the twenty years he was in London, succeeded in obtaining only one conviction. He was on that occasion sentenced to three months' imprisonment. He was known as the "father of the confidence men" because of his grey hairs and benevolent appearance. Hobbs went to live with him at his house in Herne Hill when the police net was closing in on the "Mr. A" conspirator.

ARMY SELECTION BOARD CHANGES.

EFFICIENCY BEFORE SENIORITY.

The working of the new system of Army promotion, will be simplified and improved by a big change which has just been made in the Selection Board. Hitherto this has consisted of twelve members—the four military members of the Army Council, the Military Secretary, the Chief of the three principal commands—Aldershot, Eastern, and Southern.

The unwieldy numbers of the old board, and the difficulty of reconciling so many opinions, were an inevitable handicap to a genuine selection of the fittest, and thus led to the compromise of falling back on seniority as the main factor in choosing officers for promotion. The change is therefore a welcome assurance that the new system of selection will have a good start.

THE NEW RADIO PASTIME.

ATLANTIC PHONE EAVES-DROPPING.

SOUTH AFRICA JOINS THE LISTENERS.

The new 25-minute Transatlantic wireless telephone has been very busy say recent small reports and in every case transmission and reception were perfect.

So clear and powerful is the transmission that it is being picked up far and wide over the earth's surface. Many people in Great Britain and in the United States have found in this type of eavesdropping a new pastime. Parties of people have probably been able to listen to the conversations being shouted out of loud-speakers.

A message from Johannesburg to *The Daily Mail* states that amateurs there and in other places in South Africa distinctly heard not only persons speaking from New York, but also London callers.

The *New York World* has been publishing reports of overheard wireless conversations. Wireless users in Great Britain must bear in mind that it is illegal for them to publish any information picked up by them on their receivers.

London business men and, indeed, all who have already used the Transatlantic telephone do not underestimate the importance of the latest wonder of science, but they are convinced that the practical value of the achievement is at the present time seriously lessened by its lack of secrecy.

Tests To Secure Secrecy.

Questioned as to what steps were being taken to outwit eavesdroppers, one of the principal experts at the General Post Office said: "The problem is extraordinarily complicated, and it is obvious that what experts inside the Post Office are able to do other experts outside will be able to do also if they deliberately set out to do it."

It means that the Post Office will have to devise secret methods of ensuring secrecy in the service, and this will be an extremely difficult thing to do.

Certain experiments are being made, however, with a very complicated aid to secrecy which consists of cutting out parts of speech during transmission and reintroducing them again at the other end of the circuit. If the method proves successful, would-be eavesdroppers will hear only a confused jumble of sounds.

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Among the ocean calls was a conversation lasting half an hour, and costing £150, between a woman in London and a man in New York. Post Office experts were agreeably surprised to experience practically no "sunset fading" during the week-end working of the service.

WAITERS' CORK MONEY.

PAID BY SHIPPERS TO PUSH WINES.

HOTELS' STEP TO CHECK EVIL.

Vigorous attempts are being made by the proprietors of some of the leading hotels and restaurants in England to stamp out the evils of what is known as the "corkage system." Under this system wine-shippers and merchants encourage waiters to push the sale of certain brands of wine by paying them a small fee for each cork taken from the bottles.

Waiters at some leading restaurants have been ordered to hand all wine-bottle corks to the cashier. These are burnt by the management.

Proprietors of a number of hotels have also sent circulars to wine-shippers and merchants requesting them to pay no fee to any employee on the presentation of a cork from a wine or spirit bottle. This action followed a discussion between the Hotels and Restaurants Association and the Bribery and Secret Commissions Prevention League.

Illegal Payments.

Mr. R. C. Vaughan, managing director of a number of large hotels in London and the provinces, and a very active member of the association, said:

"The association has been informed that the payment of corkage is an illegal offence if it is done without the knowledge and approval of the proprietors of the hotels or restaurants at which it takes place. It will be possible now to take legal action if such money is still paid to any waiter at the hotels."

The system is a very bad one. Only a little while ago I was dining at a restaurant in the West End of London and a waiter tried for nearly a quarter of an hour to push two brands of wine upon me. It was almost impossible for me to get any other.

At some small restaurants, I believe, the proprietors do not object to the system. At the larger and better class ones the proprietors like their customers to choose what wine they want."

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" 11th...	6.38 "	6.18 "
" 12th...	6.38 "	6.19 "
" 13th...	6.37 "	6.19 "
" 14th...	6.36 "	6.19 "
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" 16th...	6.35 "	6.20 "
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" 18th...	6.34 "	6.21 "
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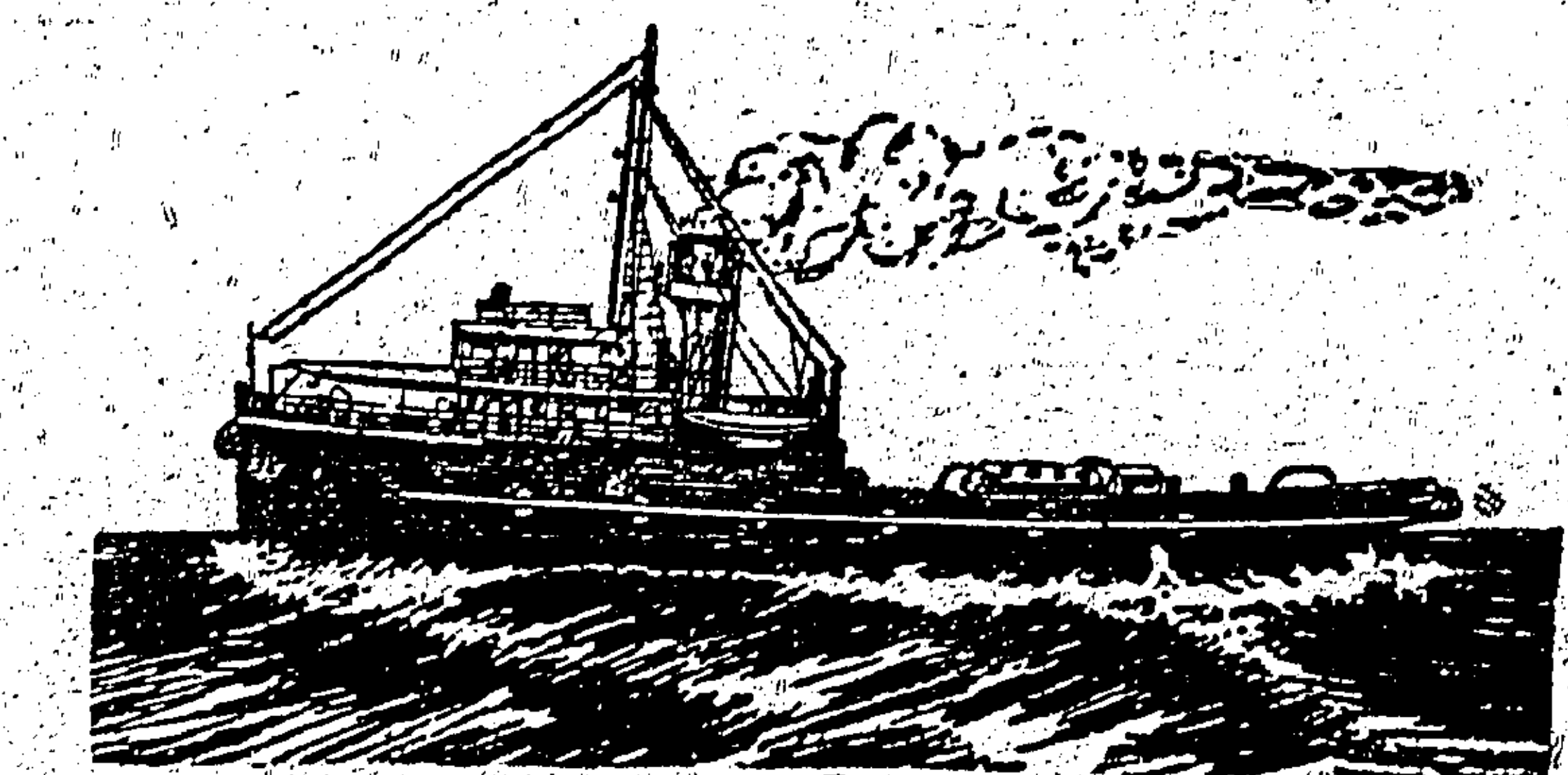
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BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 12th Feb.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI	"KANGCHOW"	On 13th Feb.	Noon
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SUICHANG"	On 13th Feb.	6 a.m.
BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 13th Feb.	6 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUPEH"	On 15th Feb.	4 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWANGTUNG"	On 17th Feb.	6 a.m.
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ARRIVALS.

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Changte, British str., 4,323 tons, Capt. Richard David Thomas, from Melbourne and ports, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf—B. & S.

Hop Sang, British str., 1,350 tons, Capt. R. G. Cunniff, from Canton, lying at buoy No. 87—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Kaifu, German str., 905 tons, Capt. H. Fraussen, from Canton, with bean oil, lying at buoy No. 84—Kwang Mow Tai.

Kotsu Maru, Japanese str., 917 tons, Capt. K. Yageta, from Canton, lying at O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.

Peking Maru, Japanese str., 1,853 tons, Capt. J. Itow, from Sourabaya, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 82—O.S.K.

Abah, Dutch str., 3,163 tons, Capt. W. Zeylenmaker, from San Pedro, which port she left on January 7th, with 6,706 tons of fuel oil, lying at North Point—A.P.C.

Iwa Maru, Japanese str., 6,028 tons, Capt. K. Harada, from Moji, which port she left on February 4th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Daishin Maru No. 2, Japanese str., 1,870 tons, Capt. Y. Tani, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. 89—M.B.K.

Fooshing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. W. Allen Balch, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 83—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hosan Maru, Japanese str., 2,340 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Keelung, with 700 tons of coal and merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.

Fulcrum, Dutch str., 707 tons, Capt. J. De Klerk, from Swatow, with empty drums, lying at Taikoktsui—A.P.C.

CLEARANCES.

February 9th.

Yan On, for Canton.

Kotsu Maru, for Swatow.

Lok Sun, for Sandakan.

Nikage Maru No. 8, for Saigon.

Yue Mahtide, for Haiphong.

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Sinkiang, for Swatow.

Taiko Maru, for Keelung.

Tak Hing, for Amoy.

Teau, for Hoikow.

Fulcrum, for Amoy.

Wing Wo, for Kwang Chow Wan.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. Changte, on February 8th, from Melbourne via Australian ports: Mr. A. G. Briston, Mr. G. V. Holt, Mr. R. B. V. Buckenfield, Mr. James Verec, Mr. D. A. Schmidlap, Miss R. Kreier, Mr. W. Alan, Mr. J. F. Russell, Mr. G. R. Bowker, Mr. H. F. Chandler, Capt. J. Legge, Miss P. K. Lovison, Miss T. F. Alleyne, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bagby, Miss A. Gaby, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Fox, Miss M. Fox, Master H. Fox, Mrs. M. Rubben, Miss G. Preece, and Mr. and Mrs. K. Chudunoff.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. President McKinley, for Manila, on February 8th: Miss H. C. T. Chen, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Henderson, Mr. P. C. Whiteaker, Mr. M. H. O'Malley, Mr. David Chen, Mr. M. H. Chen, Mr. Courvo Lopez, Mr. Cotos Lopez, Mr. C. Lopez, Mr. F. M. Gutierrez, Mr. M. Utamchand, Mr. A. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Davis, Mr. Catl Keith, Mr. P. R. Clark, Miss J. K. Lester, Mr. Paul R. Clark, Miss E. P. Gowing, Mrs. L. E. Gowing, Mr. John Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Young, Miss A. M. Angel, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Beaumont, Mr. G. P. de Coster, Mr. Chas. Poizat de Coster, Mr. Roger Poizat de Coster, Miss A. Yvardolaza, Mr. Robt. Poizat de Coster, Mr. Roger Coit, Mr. J. W. Corkret, Mr. J. J. Daron, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Garrett, Miss V. Garrett, Mr. E. D. Gouthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Greenidge, Miss A. Greenidge, Miss E. James, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Jones, Miss A. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDuiffe, Miss Merritt, Mr. Y. Misawa, Mr. H. W. Miller, Mr. H. E. Page, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Richards, Mrs. M. T. Russell, Mrs. C. Santos, Mr. N. E. Schurmann, Miss B. Schurmann, Mr. J. J. Struble, Mr. E. E. Warner, Mrs. H. Wentworth, Mrs. B. Whitaker, Mrs. A. C. Ybardolaza, and Miss M. Ybardolaza.

IN TOUCH.

MORE TROOPS ON THE WAY.

Poor Said, February 8th.

The troopship *Kinfauns Castle* has left for China.

Ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:—

Shantung, *Empress of Scotland*, *Belgenland*, *Sarpedon*, *Tanda*, *Song Sea*, *Pont Sang*, *Tama*, *Sirdhana*, *Takima*, *Zomoto*, *Tilawa*, *Shirako*, *President Telf*, *President McKinley*, *President Monroe*, *Nagpore*, *Lai Sang*, *Kotsu Maru*, *Hakozaki Maru*, *Kanko Maru*.

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She left Southampton on her present cruise on November 13th, first visiting Canada to pick up tourists from there, and thence on to New York. The itinerary of the cruise has already been given.

The minimum fare for the trip is £23.0 per day, but more wealthy tourists, such as American millionaires, pay as much as £2,000 for an entire suite to themselves on the voyage.

It is understood that owing to unsettled conditions, the visits to Shanghai and Chinwangtao (for fishing) will not be made, but much will depend upon further developments, nothing having been definitely settled.

The *Empress of Scotland* will remain in port here until Sunday evening, when she sails for the North at ten o'clock.

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Outward mail for Home via Marseilles was despatched yesterday on the Blue Funnel liner *Sarpedon*, and is due to reach the French port on March 9th. To-day mail for Home via Siberia, to be despatched by the *Glenamoy*, will close at 3 p.m. On Saturday two mails will be despatched for the United Kingdom and Europe. That going by way of Marseilles on the *Hakozaki Maru* will close at 10 a.m., and closing at 5 p.m. another mail will be despatched for Home and Europe via Siberia by the *President Telf*, which will also take Northern, Japan and American mails.

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PRESIDENT MADISON	... Tuesday, Mar. 29th, 10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT JACKSON	... Tuesday, Apr. 12th, 10.00 a.m.

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PRESIDENT LINCOLN	... Wednesday, Mar. 9th, 10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT CLEVELAND	... Wednesday, Mar. 23rd, 10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT PIERCE	... Wednesday, Apr. 6th, 10.00 a.m.
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BANGKOK	"KUTSANG"	Saturday, 12th Feb., at 3 p.m.
CANTON	"YATSHING"	Sunday, 13th Feb., at Noon.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	"YATSHING"	Sunday, 13th Feb., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOPSANG"	Sunday, 13th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW	"SUISANG"	Tuesday, 15th Feb., at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KORE	"FOOSHING"	Wednesday, 16th Feb., at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"LAISANG"	Wednesday, 16th Feb., at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"MINGSANG"	Wednesday, 16th Feb., at 10 a.m.
OSAKA via SHANGHAI	"HINSANG"	Thursday, 17th Feb., at 2 p.m.
MOJI & KORE	"KOSANG"	Saturday, 19th Feb., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Saturday, 19th Feb., at 3 p.m.
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	... Sails on or about 28th April

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EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 3	Apr. 6	Apr. 9	Apr. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 31

CONNECTING SAILINGS TO LIVERPOOL.

MONTAIRM	March 12	MONTEDOSA	May 13
MONTROSE	April 2	MONTCAIRM	June 3
MONTLORE	April 23	MONTROSE	June 24

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SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.

SHINYO MARU	Tuesday, 22nd Feb., at Noon
SHINYO MARU	Sunday, 6th March, at 10 a.m.
TAIYO MARU	Tuesday, 22nd March

SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

GINYO MARU	Saturday, 26th Feb., at Noon
ANYO MARU	Tuesday, 3rd May, at Noon

MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM

via Ports.

HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 12th Feb., at 11 a.m.
HAKUSAKI MARU	Saturday, 26th Feb.
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 12th March

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 23rd Feb., at 11 a.m.
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 23rd March

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TASUNO MARU	Saturday, 12th Feb.
CAUCUTTA MARU	Monday, 21st Feb.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

TOYOHASHI MARU	Friday, 11th March
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BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

Delagoa Bay & Algoa Bay.

HAKATA MARU	Wednesday, 23rd March
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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

AWA MARU	Thursday, 10th Feb.
SEITO MARU	Monday, 21st Feb.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

OSAKA MARU	Friday, 18th Feb.
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NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU	Friday, 19th Feb.
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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

GENOA MARU	Friday, 18th Feb.
OSYON MARU	Monday, 21st Feb.
KAMO MARU	Tuesday, 22nd Feb.
MALACCA MARU	Saturday, 26th Feb.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Shipping Notes, Vessels Expected, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

DECREASE IN LOCAL AND THROUGH CARGOES.

The returns made to the Harbour Office by vessels arriving here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, showed a further decrease of general merchandise imported into the Colony. Cargoes for ports beyond Hong Kong had also fallen.

Out of the ten arrivals yesterday, only five discharged here. The total amount of general cargo unloaded was 5,374 tons, of which, 3,038 tons were from two British bottoms. The s.s. *Kalgan*, from Bangkok brought 2,156 tons, and the *Peking Maru*, 1,033 tons from Batavia and Sourabaya.

There was a total of 11,534 tons of general cargo on five steamers for ports beyond Hong Kong. The two best returns were 4,843 tons on the *Yagato Maru* from Yokohama and Moji, and 3,567 tons on the s.s. *Ada Maru* from Osaka and Moji.

The arrivals and departures were—British, 3 arrivals and 3 departures; Japanese, 5 arrivals and 1 departure; Norwegian, 1 arrival and 1 departure; Chinese, 4 departures; German, 1 arrival; American, 2 departures.

Vessels in port, totalled 73, of which, 34 were British.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The s.s. *Daifuku Maru* arriving here yesterday from Milke, Japan, brought 4,001 tons of coal for local discharge.

For failing to exhibit regulation lights, the master of a cargo junk was fined \$10 or ten days' hard labour, by Lt. Comdr. G. F. Hofs, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday morning.

No Asiatic deck passengers were brought into the Colony by the ten vessels which arrived here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

The Australian-Oriental Line s.s. *Changie* arrived from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns, Thursday Island and Manila, disembarked 21 first class passengers here, three second class passengers, and in addition four Chinese and two Filipino first class passengers, 23 Chinese second class passengers, and 180 steerage passengers. The total number of Asiatic passengers was 225. The *Changie* brought over 1,000 tons of general cargo and frozen meats for discharge here.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 5 p.m. stated:

The anti-cyclone over China is stationary. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Local forecast:—N. or N.E. winds, fresh, overcast, some drizzle.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

<i>Antenor</i> (Blue Funnel), due March 2nd.	<i>Delhi</i> (Swedish East Asiatic), due March 2nd.	<i>Empress of Asia</i> (C.P.R.), due February 25th.	<i>Empress of Scotland</i> (C.P.R.), due to-day.	<i>Eumeneus</i> (Blue Funnel), due March 25th.	<i>Hector</i> (Blue Funnel), due April 2nd.	<i>Lai Sang</i> , due February 13th.	<i>Meriones</i> (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 16th.	<i>Jaypore</i> (P. & O.), due to-morrow, about noon.	<i>Polyphemus</i> (Blue Funnel), due March 8th.	<i>President Jefferson</i> (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 18th.	<i>President McKinley</i> (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 15th.	<i>President Monroe</i> (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 14th.	<i>President Taft</i> (D.S. and A.M.L.), due to-morrow.	<i>President Wilson</i> (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 17th.	<i>Rhezenor</i> (Blue Funnel), due March 1st.	<i>Shirala</i> (B.I. & Apcar), due to-morrow.	<i>Tilawa</i> (B.I. & Apcar), due to-day.	<i>Troilus</i> (Blue Funnel), due March 13th.
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SERVICES CONTRACTUELS (MARITIME SERVICES)

Steamers	Sailings from Marseilles	Arr. at Hong Kong & Sailings for Shanghai and Japan	Sailings from Hong Kong for Marseilles
SPHINX	14th Jan.	15th Feb.	15th Feb.
ANGORUS	14th Jan.	15th Feb.	15th Feb.
PORTHOS	14th Jan.	15th Feb.	15th Feb.
PAUL LECAT	14th Jan.	15th Feb.	15th Feb.
O. METZINGER	14th Jan.	15th Feb.	15th Feb.
AMAZONE	14th Jan.	15th Feb.	15th Feb.

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"KIDDERPORE"	5,394	12th Feb. Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'ham.
"DELTA"	8,097	18th Feb. Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'ham.
"KALYAN"	9,144	19th Feb. Noon	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"NELLORE"	6,852	2nd March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"MANTUA"	10,902	5th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'ham.
"NAGPORE"	5,283	14th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"NYANZA"	7,023	16th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'ham.
"MONGOLIA"	18,504	19th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"KHYBER"	9,114	9th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	16th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th April	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'ham.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"NELLORE"	6,852	11th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'ham.
"KHYBER"	9,114	14th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"NYANZA"	7,023	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'ham.
"MOREA"	10,198	28th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	11th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & B'ham.

Frequent connections from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Constantinople, France, Smyrna, and other Levant Ports by steamers of the Khedivial Mail Steamship Co.

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"TILAWA"	10,000	12th Feb. 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,000	18th Feb.	do.
"SHIRALA"	7,841	1st March	do.
"GAMBHIRA"	5,257	8th March	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

"TANDA"	4,958	4th Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	28th April	do.
"TANDA"	4,958	3rd June	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st July	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th July	do.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"SHIRALA"	7,841	12th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NAGPORE"	5,283	12th Feb., 6 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MONGOLIA"	18,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"GAMBHIRA"	5,257	18th Feb.	Kobe.
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	15th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"LAHORE"	8,239	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,067	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"AHAFURA"	9,000	5th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"PERIM"	7,843	18th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYFA"	9,136	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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